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The Jewish Calendar

"The Jewish calendar is the catechism of the Jews."

— Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch

The calendar shapes Jewish life and gives expression to the Jewish worldview. The deepest values and aspirations of the faith are revealed by the content of and the relationships among our holidays. The calendar is a solar-adjusted lunar system. The months average twenty-nine and a half days, resulting in a 354-day year. To ensure that festivals fall in their proper season, a thirteenth month is added in seven of every nineteen years.

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"The holy days are the unbroken master code of Judaism."

– Rabbi Irving Greenberg

Festivals and Holy Days

A religion's sacred occasions reflect its history and beliefs. Holidays from our past commemorate ancient events, while newer holidays mark seminal developments of later times. The chief elements of the Jewish People's sacred seasons are: the cycles of nature and the natural world's beneficence; historic triumphs and tragedies, in all their power and promise; and the messianic hope to perfect our character and our world, in partnership with God.

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"Three times a year you shall hold a festival for Me."

– Exodus 23:14

The Pilgrim Festivals: Nature and History

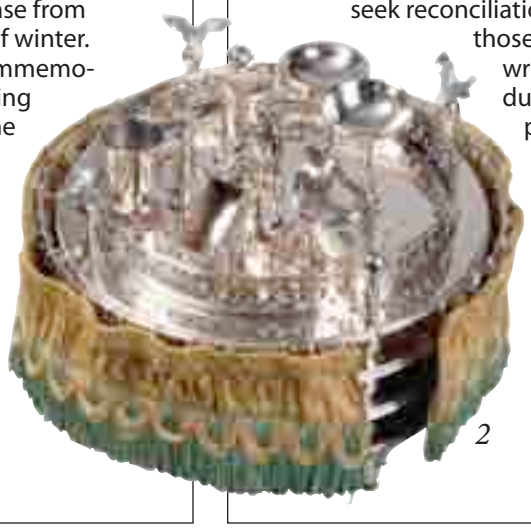
The Three "Pilgrim Festivals" are Pesach, Passover, in early spring; Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks, in late spring; and Sukkot, the Feast of Booths, in the autumn. In ancient times, Israelite males made pilgrimages to Jerusalem to celebrate the festivals. Pesach celebrates the liberation of our people from Egyptian bondage and nature's release from the bonds of winter. Shavuot commemorates the giving of Torah and the successful completion of the early harvest. Sukkot rejoices in God's providence during our forty-year journey from Egypt to the Promised Land, as well as the fullness of the autumn harvest.

"Our Parent, our Sovereign, hear our voice!"

—High Holy Day Prayer boo

The High Holy Days

The "Ten Days of Repentance" from Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, through Yom Kippur, The Day of Atonement, call for "an accounting of the soul." On Rosh Hashanah we express our hope for a sweet new year with apples and honey, reaffirm God's sovereignty and our need to make a new beginning with the sounding of the shofar, a ram's horn, and symbolically cast away our sins. On Yom Kippur we fast to enhance our concentration on spiritual matters; we confess our sins and seek reconciliation with those we have wronged during the past year.



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"From grief and mourning to festive joy."

– Esther 9:22)

History-Based Holidays: The Past as Prologue

The eternal lessons of monumental events in Jewish history come alive each year in rituals of remembering and reenactment. Purim, the Feast of Lots, celebrates the story from the biblical book of Esther, in which a plot to exterminate the Jews is foiled by a woman of courage. Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, commemorates the rededication of the Jerusalem Temple and the regaining of religious freedom after the Maccabean victory over the vastly more powerful Assyrian Greeks. Tisha B'av, the ninth day of the month of Av, is a day of fasting on which some of the most painful and catastrophic events of Jewish history are remembered.

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"In memory lies the secret of redemption."

(Baal Shem Tov)

Modern Observances

The 20th century produced some of the most horrible events of Jewish history and some of the most miraculous. Their meaning is captured through new holidays. Yom Hashoah v'Ha-Gevurah, Holocaust and Heroism Commemoration Day, memorializes the six million Jews killed by the Nazis and their collaborators and celebrates the courage of those who resisted the evildoers. Yom Ha-atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, celebrates the 1948 creation of the State of Israel as the culmination of 2000 years of hope and prayer. Yom Yerushalayim, Jerusalem Reunification Day, recalls the day in 1967 when Jewish soldiers recaptured the Old City of Jerusalem and reunited the city in which Jews have lived since the days of King David.

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JEWISH HOLIDAYS, 5770 (2009/2010)

All holidays begin at sunset the preceding evening

Rosh Hashanah	September 19-20
Yom Kippur	September 28
Sukkot	October 3-4
Shemini Atzeret	October 10
Simchat Torah	October 11
Chanukah	December 12
Tu B'Shevat	january 30
Purim	February 28
Passover	March 30-April 6
Yom HaShoah	April 11
Yom HaZikaron	April19
Yom HaAtzmaut	April 29
Lag B'Omer	May 2
Shavuot	May 19–20
Tisha B'Av	July 20

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Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage: An American Story

Opened in 2005, The Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage joined an elite group of world-class institutions as a living testament to the courage, conviction and achievements of Cleveland's Jewish community. The stories of individuals and families – past and present – come to life through state-of-the-art exhibitions, interactives and films, oral histories, photographs and artifacts. The Museum includes The Temple-Tifereth Israel Gallery, an internationally-recognized collection of Judaica, and an exhibition gallery featuring important exhibitions of national and international acclaim.

For information about hours, admission, programs, the Museum Store and special exhibitions, visit www.MaltzJewishMuseum.org or phone (216) 593-0575. The Museum is located at 2929 Richmond Road, Beachwood, Ohio.

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At the center of one of the most diverse and welcoming Jewish communities in America, the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor celebrates and strengthens Jewish life at home, in Israel, and around the world.

Federation sponsors a wide variety of social, educational and cultural programs throughout the year including seminars and lectures, missions to Israel and community festivals like Celebrate Israel. The PJ Library program provides free Jewish books and music to young children six months to seven years of age.

Federation's fall "Main Event" brings together more than 700 community members to share an evening of community education and fellowship, and to raise the funds needed to build a vibrant Jewish community. The 2009 Main Event, November 17, will feature Peter Sagal of NPR's *Wait, Wait Don't Tell Me*.

The 2009 annual campaign raised $1.45 million from 1,500 families. In addition to supporting local agencies and overseas partners (see allocations sidebar), the Federation distributes over $90,000 to projects in Israel and around the world that reflect the unique, progressive character of the Jewish community. These include programs that foster Arab/Jewish understanding; provide support for Israel's minority and underserved communities; and strengthen Israel-Diaspora relationship by participating in Partnership 2000 in the Central Galilee, particularly through the community-to-community project with Moshav Nahalal.

Since 2007, Ann Arbor's relationship with Moshav Nahalal has developed into a real partnership with the goal of strengthening Jewish identity and Zionism in both communities. Members of Nahalal have extended warm hospitality to Ann Arborites

Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor 2009 Annual Campaign Allocations

Total Allocations	**$1,546,486**
Allocations to Local Agencies	
Chabad	$5,000
Community Security Costs	$100,000
Council of Jewish Educators	$7,000
Emergency Assistance Fund	$15,000
Hebrew Day School	$98,888
Hillel at EMU	$12,000
Hillel at U of M	$5,000
Jewish Community Center	$159,940
Jewish Community Foundation	$67,106
Jewish Family Services	$98,104
Jewish Federation (non-campaign)	$324,934
Keshet Ann Arbor	$14,000
Total Local Agencies	**$906,972**
Allocations to Non-Local Agencies	
Taglit-Birthright Israel,	$5,000
Hand in Hand Schools	$10,000
JDC Welfare Relief in FSU	$25,000
Jewish Council for Public Affairs	$1,500
Parents & Children Together (JDC)	$10,000
P2K – Central Galilee Partnership	$26,000
Ramle Mediation Center	$7,000
SELAH: Israel Crisis Management Center$1	$15,000
United Jewish Communities Dues	$54,979
UJC Collective Overseas Funding	$278,543
Total Non-Local Agencies	**$433,022**
Federation Campaign	$166,492
Reserve for Unmet Pledges	$40,000

A complete explanation of these allocations can be found at www.jewishannarbor.org, under Ways to Give > 2009 Allocations Report

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visiting Israel and have contributed immensely to Celebrate Israel with the Nahalal exhibit. Additionally, teen athletes from Moshav Nahalal participated with the Ann Arbor delegation to the 2009 JCCA Maccabi Games in San Antonio.

The Jewish Federation offers many volunteer opportunities:

The Annual Campaign, the engine that drives the community, relies upon volunteers to plan events, engage community members and raise funds. More than 150 volunteers joined the 2009 effort.

The Maimonides Society offers the opportunity for physicians and dentists to stay connected through educational, social and philanthropic programming. For more information, contact Jeff Lazor, campaign director, at jef azor@jewishannarbor.org.

The Israel Advocacy Committee communicates about Israel as a multi-ethnic, modern, vibrant democratic nation that seeks peace with its neighbors. The committee informs the Jewish and broader communities about Israeli policies and security concerns and conveys the deeply felt connection between Israel and Jews and non-Jews, here and around the world. For information about Israel Advocacy, the Nahalal/Ann Arbor partnership or Celebrate Israel, contact Eileen Freed, director of Israel/Overseas and Community Relations, at eileenfreed@jewishannarbor.org.

Other community-wide events and programs needing volunteers include: The Main Event and Celebrate Israel. Helping to plan them is a great way to meet kindred spirits and make a real difference.

YOUNG ADULT DIVISION

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Through active participation in the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor, Young Adult Division (YAD) provides emerging leaders (25–45) with social, cultural, educational and philanthropic opportunities in a Jewish atmosphere. YAD brings people together, instills Jewish pride and builds Jewish leadership locally, nationally and internationally. The YAD Steering Committee spearheads the efforts of the Young Adult Division, planning and organizing programs and

events, and working to educate and involve their contemporaries in the Federation mission.

YAD's Annual events include "A Night of Hilarity and Charity," in support of the Jewish Federation's annual campaign; "Absolute YAD," bar nights with twist, social justice programming; "Power Hour" professional networking events; "Shabbat in the Park;" and family programs like "PJs and Pancakes' and "The Jewish Mamas Group." YAD also sponsors the Ben-Gurion Society, a group of donors aged 25–45 who make a gift of $1,500 or more to the Jewish Federation's annual campaign. Special programs and educational opportunities are available to these individuals who are stepping up and helping to shape the future of the Jewish community.

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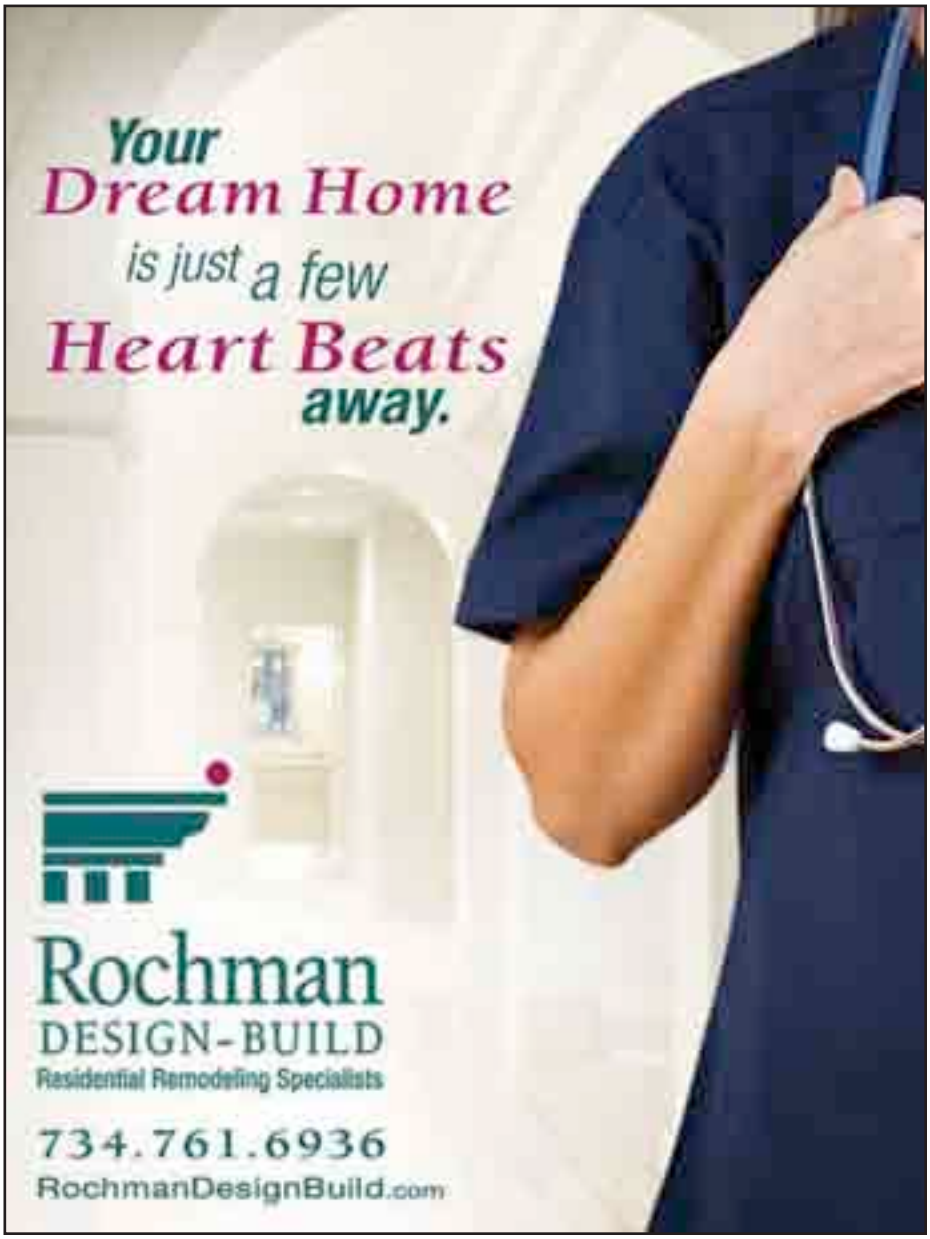
David Herzig, president

The Foundation exists to ensure that the high quality of Jewish life will continue in Washtenaw County for our children and our grandchildren; that the Jewish agencies and institutions will enjoy continued growth; that the congregations can fulfill their dreams; and that commitment to Israel and Jews throughout the world will continue. Under the auspices of the Jewish Federation, the Foundation's partners—Beth Israel Congregation, Chabad House, Hebrew Day School, Jewish Community Center, Jewish Cultural Society, Jewish Family Service, Jewish Federation and Temple Beth Emeth—build their own endowments under the umbrella of the Foundation.

The Foundation's board of directors is empowered to receive gifts and bequests of money and property from individuals, corporations and other entities. The Foundation can help donors realize tax savings advantages, improve personal cash flow, increase giving capabilities and leave a lasting legacy. Contact the director of the Foundation or the executive directors of any of the partner organizations to consult confidentially about planned giving opportunities.



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Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County (JFS), "Your Family in the Community," enhances the lives of individuals and families through social services, education and advocacy.

OLDER ADULT SERVICES

Geriatric social workers provide case management, assessment, short-term counseling, home visits, crisis intervention, patient advocacy, and information and referrals for older adults and their families. Volunteers provide friendly visiting and telephone reassurance to homebound seniors, as well as accompaniment to medical appointments through the Patient Partners program. In collaboration with the JCC, JFS provides a range of social, educational, and cultural programming for seniors.

ELDERLINK

In lieu of a dedicated Jewish senior housing facility, ElderLink offers independent, assisted living, and nursing homes, as well as home care agencies, the tools and ability to meet the needs of Jewish seniors. JFS trains staff and caregivers in Jewish culture, history, holidays, and the unique needs of Jewish older adults, along with providing Jewish social, educational, and cultural programs at their facilities.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT SERVICES

The JFS Caregiver Concierge program assists adult children caring for aging parents. This program provides support through an extensive menu of services including information and referrals, facilitated introductions to facilities and service providers, monthly Caregiver Conversations' support groups, and educational workshops.

NEW AMERICAN SERVICES

The New American Community Club assists foreign-born older adults in accessing social and medical services, offers direct psychological support and promotes the process of acculturation and integration into the larger community through a variety of support and social services.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

JFS offers mental health assessments, short-term counseling and referrals to mental health providers, as well as ongoing support to individuals and families.

RESETTLEMENT SERVICES

JFS helps resettle new immigrants, providing pre-arrival, reception and placement services, and assistance in finding employment, housing and household furnishings. JFS also helps new immigrants with English as a Second Language classes.

EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER SERVICES

JFS provides help with job counseling and search skills, résumé preparation, job retraining, and other vocational and support services.

TRANSPORTATION

The JFS CareVan provides older and/or disabled adults with rides to medical appointments, social outings, or on errands within the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti area. The CareVan has wheelchair lift and seating for ten. Reservations are required at least one week in advance.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Community members can make a difference, use their skills and talents, and enjoy a rewarding experience through the JFS Volunteer Program. Volunteers perform an important role in fulfilling the agency's mission of service to the community. Flexible opportunities are available to volunteers of all ages, from young teens to older adults, including:

- Friendly Visitors for older adults
- Patient Partners to assist older adults at doctor's visits
- Professional services such as legal, counseling, and medical/dental
- Administrative and agency support in the office or at special events
- English as a Second Language (ESL) tutors
- Holiday gift delivery

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The Jewish Community Center (JCC) strives to build a strong and cohesive sense of Jewish community and Jewish identity. The JCC initiates community-wide programs, brings together a diverse Jewish population, serves as a meeting place for Jewish organizations, and provides high-quality programming for Jewish people of all ages from the youngest child to the oldest adult.

During the year, the JCC holds many popular community-wide events, including Apples & Honey (a family event celebrating the Fall Jewish Holidays sponsored by the Benard L. Maas Foundation), the Jewish Book Festival, Jewish Film Festival, a biyearly Auction, Family Fun Days, a family Passover celebration, the Matzah Factory with Chabad, and the Israeli Scouts.

The JCC is also home to the JCC Early Childhood Center, Jewish Federation of Washtenaw County, Hebrew Day School, Jewish Cultural Society, Reconstructionist Havurah, the *Washtenaw Jewish News*, and a branch office of Jewish Family Services.

JCC SHALOM PROGRAMS

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SHALOM ANN ARBOR

The Jewish Community Center's Shalom Ann Arbor assists relocating families and welcomes them to the Jewish community. The Shalom Ann Arbor Welcome Package is an essential information packet for newcomers or those considering relocating to the city. It includes a copy of the *Guide to Jewish Life*, the most recent edition of *Washtenaw Jewish News*, a complimentary six-month JCC membership, information on activities in the Jewish community, and more. A volunteer will be available to provide a personal welcome and introduction to Ann Arbor's Jewish community for those who have already moved here.

SHALOM BABY

Shalom Baby welcomes parents, their newborns and newly-adopted children into the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. Shalom Baby provides growing families with: Welcome to our World gift bag, full of fun and helpful gifts; information on parenting, and Jewish resources for parents and families, hand-delivered by a Shalom Baby Ambassador; support from caring volunteers and a connection to the Jewish community and heritage.

JCC EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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The JCC Early Childhood Center (ECC) celebrates Judaism in a loving, supportive environment that encourages children's creativity and spontaneity. The ECC strives to create a growing experience in which children will thrive.

The ECC is accredited by the National Association for the Education for Young Children (NAEYC). Programs are provided for children ages 2 months to 5 years. The school offers morning pre-school and full- and part-time childcare. In addition,

parent/infant and toddler classes, Tot Shabbat, and pre-school enrichment classes are offered on a weekly basis. Songs, dance, holiday celebrations, and weekly Shabbat observance enrich the curriculum along with Shabbat family dinners, literacy events, and parenting programs.

Children are provided an opportunity for active learning that allows them to learn by being involved in their environment and by engaging in activities that encourage personal growth. They are given choices in the way they manipulate a variety of open-ended materials and with adult instructors who support their choices and listen to them. A loving, supportive atmosphere is provided in which a child's creativity and spontaneity are encouraged. A favorable staff-child ratio

enhances individual and developmental activities designed to meet the child at his or her level of readiness. The program uses the High Scope approach to Early Childhood Education.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

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Deborah Huerta, youth director

The JCC's afterschool programs provide licensed afterschool care from 3:20-6 p.m. for JCC members in kindergarten through fifth grade. Transportation from certain local elementary schools is available. The Kids' Konnection program for grades K-2 features activities such as crafts, sports, holiday programming, and challah making on Fridays, while Kids' Club caters to the interests of students in grades 3-5 with separate fun activities and homework spaces.

JCC afterschool enrichment classes offer professional instruction in subjects such as swimming, tenn's, gym games, martial arts, jewelry, clay, scrapbooking, cooking, and a wide variety of other interest areas.

Kids' Night Out is a monthly Saturday night program for grades K-5 which gives

parents a chance to go out and kids a chance to have an exciting evening of games, crafts, dinner, and a movie.

School's Out / JCC's In programs featuring field trip or special activities are offered from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm whenever Hebrew Day School and/or Ann Arbor Public Schools are closed for a day. School's Out Days are open to JCC members in grades K-5 (middle school students may also participate as helpers for a reduced fee).

Vacation Fun Days programs featuring field trips and special programs are offered daily from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm during the December, February, April, and Passover school breaks. Vacation Fun Days are open to JCC members in grades K-5

(middle school students may also participate as helpers for a reduced fee).

JCC Snow Day programs for students in grades K-8 are offered from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm whenever there 's a school closing due to winter weather conditions but the JCC 's able to safely open. Special activities are run at the JCC on those days.

The JCC also offers afterschool or Sunday afternoon birthday parties featuring themes such as sports, arts and crafts, cartoon characters, and more.

TEEN PROGRAMMING

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Teen Connection is a JCC program for Jewish teens in 6th-8th grades, cosponsored by BBYO, which organizes social activities and field trips throughout the school year. Teen Connection activities include Teen Game Nights which are offered on several Saturday evenings throughout the year and feature movies, dinner, and arcade games.

The JCC also provides support to Echad BBYO, the Ann Arbor chapter of the B'nai Brith Youth Organization, which is open to teens in 9th-12th grade and organizes social events, community service activities, and leadership training experiences throughout the year

In addition, each summer the JCC takes a team of Ann Arbor athletes ages 1–16 to the JCC Maccabi Games. The JCC Maccabi Games are an opportunity for teens to experience a week of Olympics-style sporting competition, community service, and social activities with Jewish teens from around the world.

ADULT PROGRAMMING

The JCC offers a variety of cultural and educational classes, workshops, and programs to enrich the lives of adults in the local Jewish community. Programming consists of lecture series with guest speakers, film programs, art exhibits, social events, and celebrations of the Jewish holi-

days, rituals and traditions. Exercise classes including zumba, callanetics, Israeli dancing and volleyball are offered throughout the week. The JCC also houses the Gelman Jewish Heritage Video Collection with over 200 videos for home viewing.

FAMILY PROGRAMMING

Family programming offers opportunities for families to meet, have fun together, and participate in a variety of activities, such as holiday celebrations, family entertainment and recreational outings, family fun days, social action projects, and sporting events. Jewish education and values are incorporated into the programs.

FLORENCE MELTON ADULT MINI-SCHOOL

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The JCC began offering the world-renown, Florence Melton Adult Mini-School in the fall of 2008 with the generous support of The Covenant Foundation and the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor's Humanitarian Award. The Melton Mini-School promotes adult Jewish literacy through the interactive study of Jewish texts over a two-year period. It offers a rigorous but accessible course of Jewish study taught with a pluralistic approach. Jews of all levels of knowledge and observance are welcome.

Philanthropist Florence Melton initiated the Melton Mini-School in 1986 in cooperation with The Hebrew University in Jerusalem who designed and continues to develop new curriculum. It is offered in more than 65 locations in North America, Europe, Australia and Israel. There are no exams, no homework, no pre-requisites; the only requirement is the desire to learn.

The Melton program is a two-year course of study in which two classes are offered each year, back-to-back on the same night. The first year classes are Rhythms of Jewish Living and Purposes of Jewish Living. The Rhythms class examines ideas and text central to recurring Jewish rituals, and the Purposes class probes essential Jewish theological concepts in the Bible, Talmud and other sacred texts. The second year classes, for those who have completed year one, consist of Ethics of Jewish Living which examines ethical issues such as justice, life and death, sexuality and community with case studies from Talmudic, rabbinic, and contemporary literature and Dramas of Jewish Living which addresses the dramatic developments, experiences, and issues from different periods in Jewish history, as reflected in historical texts.

Classes will begin Wednesday, September 9, 2009 and run for 30 weeks, excluding holidays. Tuition is $550 and includes a Melton course pack.

CAMP RAANANA

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Camp Raanana, the JCC's outdoor summer day camp for children entering kindergarten through eighth grade, offers the perfect environment for children to explore new interests, gain self-confi-

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dence, interact with other Jewish youth and have fun. Camp Raanana offers nine one-week sessions each summer and runs from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily, with morning care and afternoon care also available.

The camp is located on its own beautiful private beach front at Independence Lake County Park. The facility includes a large covered pavilion, a swimming beach, playground structures, and access to ball fields, volleyball courts, nature trails, a spray zone and more. The camp programming includes activity sessions (such as arts and crafts, nature, sports, music and Judaica), instructional swim lessons, general swim time, weekly special events or field trips, and Friday afternoon Shabbat celebrations. The JCC provides round trip school bus transportation from the JCC to Independence Lake.

CAMP KESHET

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Camp Keshet is a program of the JCC Early Childhood Center and is open to children ages 3 to 5 years old. All children attend each session for 5 mornings (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) per two week session. Each two week session features a different theme utilizing the camp's outdoor facility. Children participate in activities with the Art, Nature, Sports, and Music specialists that highlight the theme of the session. Additionally, the camp hosts special guests and goes on selected field trips to further support the theme. Every Monday camp bids farewell to Shabbat with Havdalah. On Tuesdays and Thursdays mornings

include swimming at Buhr Pool. Fridays the arrival of Shabbat's celebrated. Session themes include Garden Days, Tikkun Olam (repairing the world), Down on the Farm, and Things That Go.

JCC OLDER ADULT PROGRAMS

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The Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan is one of Ann Arbor's oldest Jewish organizations.

Its roots go back to the mid-1960s, when several University of Michigan faculty families, feeling the lack of an Orthodox minyan in town, began weekly services, gathering in members' homes on a rotating basis. Today the AAOM meets in the University of Michigan Hillel in conjunction with the Hillel student Orthodox Minyan.

Services are held weekly at sundown on Fridays during the school year and between 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the summer, depending on the week. Shabbat morning services are at 9:30 a.m. The Shabbat afternoon Mincha service is held a half-hour before sunset year round, followed by Seudah Shlishit and Maariv.

Daily morning services are held in conjunction with Chabad House at 7:30 a.m., Monday-Wednesday at Hillel, and Thursday and Friday, and Sunday (at 9 a.m.) at Chabad House.

A variety of formal and informal learning opportunities are offered during the school year, including Rabbi Glogower's Tuesday evening class: "Topics in Rabbinic Literature" and a short class between Shabbat Mincha and Maariv.

The Minyan sponsors other activities throughout the year, including the annual Shavuot picnic a picnic in the fall and other holiday celebrations, such as Shabbatonim featuring special guests.

ANN ARBOR RECONSTRUCTIONIST HAVURAH

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Reconstructionism is the fastest-growing major branch of Judaism. It views Judaism as an evolving religious civilization that encompasses religious, intellectual and cultural life. It respects both traditions—giving them "a vote, not a veto"—and intellect, as how best to live as Jews in the twenty-first century is explored.

The Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Havurah is an open, welcoming, innovative community that works to integrate Jewish religious tradition and culture with its member's needs as modern Jews. Since 1993, it has grown to nearly 60 families who observe all major holidays, Shabbat, and life-cycle events, sponsors a Beit Sefer (religious school) and a full schedule of community and cultural activities. The Havurah is a member of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation.

THE COMMUNITY

Informality and a strong sense of community are the essence of a Havurah. Events like a baby-naming or bar / bat mitzvah typically attract a majority of the entire membership. From evenings of song and dance to the annual Sukkot Retreat to monthly sessions in Jewish meditation, the AARH offers members numerous opportunities to regularly or occasionally plug in to a warm, hospitable community.

Many singles, mixed-religion couples and non-traditional families are long-term, active members of the AARH. All find a welcoming and comfortable community.

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE

The AARH observes Shabbat on the second and last Friday evenings of each month at 6:30 p.m. Last Friday

services feature a highly-musical Kabbalat Shabbat with a concurrent Tot Shabbat, followed by an informal potluck dinner. Second Fridays have a brief service followed by an adult-oriented presentation or discussion. All Shabbat services take place at the Jewish Community Center.

High Holiday services for Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur day are musical, spiritual and highly participatory, led for many years by Havurah members Aura Ahuvia and Deb Kraus. In keeping with the Havurah's belief that prayer should always be free and open to all, non-members are welcome to join the Havurah for High Holiday services; no tickets are required. Children's services and day care are also offered.

Holidays and festivals are cause for great celebration: Simchat Torah, Chanukah and, especially, the annual Purim Party. There's also a community-wide second Seder geared toward the children of the community.

BEIT SEFER (RELIGIOUS SCHOOL)

The Beit Sefer is an innovative, warm and meaningful educational experience for K-6th graders that welcomes the children of AARH members and non-members alike.

Combining experience and exuberance, the staff works to help each student find his or her own path to a Jewish identity that includes a grounding in both Jewish religion and civilization. Class topics include: Jewish Living Skills, Prayer and Spirituality, and Peoplehood and Israel. Tikkun Olam (repairing the world), is an important part of the curriculum. The Beit Sefer uses a hands-on approach that includes music sessions, crafts, storytelling, plays and Tzedakah (service learning) projects, leading up to bar or bat mitzvah. It's worth noting that the first girl ever to have a bat mitzvah was the daughter of the founder of Reconstructionism.

The Beit Sefer meets on Sunday mornings during the school year at the Jewish Community Center, and also offers a series of sessions for pre-K children and parents. Active involvement of parents is encouraged.

Visit the AARH website, www.aarecon.org, to find out more about Reconstructionism and the Havurah. Unless otherwise noted, non-members are welcome at all services and activities on the website calendar.

BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION (CONSERVATIVE)

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Beth Israel strives to be a vital presence in the spiritual, social and educational lives of its members. Established in 1916, the congregation is a welcoming and warm community, which fosters a connectedness to others and an important support system in time of need. Rabbi Robert Dobrusin has served the congregation with distinction for over 20 years. Rabbi Kim Blumenthal serves as the congregation's assistant rabbi.

Beth Israel offers religious services that are egalitarian in nature, and participatory in practice. Kabbalat Shabbat services are held throughout the year on Friday evenings at 6 p.m. with occasional late services and programs. Shabbat morning services begin at 9:30 a.m. The various religious services have been carefully crafted to convey a sense of fellowship and community. A pancake breakfast for Simchat Torah, Sweatshirt Shabbat followed by a cholent kiddush, a Kids Kiddush prepared by the 5th and 6th graders, among others are all events which enhance the feeling of community at Beth Israel. A daily minyan is held Sunday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m. (5 p.m. on winter Sundays). Beth Israel offers Shabbat morning activities for children, including childcare. Moadon (an informal gathering place), Kehillat Shabbat (an enhanced Shabbat service for elementary students), and Tot Shabbat for parents and pre-schoolers are offered on a set schedule. The High Holidays include alternative family services, as well as enriched programs and services appropriate for different ages of children. The festive Megilla Reading and celebration of Purim, in which both adults as well as children dress in costume, is one of the highlights of the year. Each year Beth Israel plans and hosts the community-wide Yom Hazikaron (Israel Memorial Day) Ceremony.

Adult education text and Judaic study classes, Adult Hebrew conversational and biblical Hebrew classes for all levels of experience, lunch and learn discussions, and academic lectures on Sunday evenings are scheduled throughout the year. The Alfred and Alice Rosenberg Adult Scholar in Residence Fund brings in noted scholars from around the world every other year. This coming year Beth Israel will host Burton Visotsky, professor of Midrash and Interreligious Studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

In 2009-2010 the overall educational theme is entitled "Shabbat – Take the Time" and will involve a number of

activities throughout the year. In addition, the Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class, the Women's League Shabbat, the Henry Gershowitz Memorial Shabbat, and Teen Shabbat all train members to become active leaders of the congregation on Saturday mornings by chanting the Torah and Haftorah portions, leading prayers, and giving the D'var Torah.

Social and recreational activities which allow people to get to know each other better and programs emphasizing *tikkun olam* are an important part of congregational life. Annual events such as the Fun Fair, Quiz Night, and the themed Purim Celebration delight the young and the old alike. Beth Israel hosts the homeless during Christmas and New Years Day through the Rotating Overflow Shelter program, provides volunteers to the Alpha House for homeless families, runs a blood drive in March, and through the Mitzvah Connection organizes visits to the frail elderly and families in crises. The Mitzvah Connection also provide help to families with emergency needs, as well as provides rides to congregants who need them. The Chevra Nehama assists people who are recently bereaved. Activities for children and youth in 3rd–12th grades provide opportunities to socialize and have a good time in a Jewish framework.

Beth Israel maintains its own comprehensive website, and an e-mail list for weekly announcements. Non-members are invited to participate in all of its activities. New residents of Washtenaw County since last Yom Kippur may request free tickets to the High Holiday services. People aged 35 and under may join the congregation in their first year for a dues of $300. The congregation is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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Beth Israel Religious School's mission is to develop and strengthen the Jewish identity of students in kindergarten through twelfth grade by building their knowledge, skills, and commitment to lead full Jewish lives.

The comprehensive curriculum includes study of Torah, holidays, Jewish lifecycle, Israel, Jewish history and contemporary Jewish life, *tefillah* (prayer), *mitzvot* (commandments), ethics, values, Hebrew

reading, and Hebrew conversation. *Tzedakkah* and *Tikkun Olam* projects, family programs, and field trips are all included in the students' educational experience and emphasize the importance of being part of the synagogue and wider Jewish community. The Bar and Bat Mitzvah and Madrichim (leadership) programs provide opportunities for students to continue their Jewish education through high school.

Beth Israel Religious School is the educational arm of Beth Israel Congregation and is guided by the principles of The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Beth Israel Congregation is proud to have a dedicated staff of veteran teachers, as well as teachers who are students themselves at local universities or graduate programs. Students, teachers and parents form a community in which the knowledge of Torah, practice of Jewish traditions, and connection to the Jewish people are valued.

ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

Grades K–1 meet Sunday mornings. Grade 2 meets on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons. Grades 3–5 meet on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday.

The youngest students at Beth Israel are introduced to Jewish learning through a program rich in Jewish music, games, stories, and arts and crafts activities. Students learn about the Jewish holidays, have exposure to the Hebrew language, and engage in tefillah which is age appropriate and interactive. Kindergarten and first grade families celebrate the beginning of formal Jewish education with a Consecration ceremony in the fall, and have other family programs throughout the year.

In second grade, students begin their formal study of Hebrew reading and writing. In the elementary program, students gain proficiency in Hebrew reading, writing, and siddur (prayerbook) skills. Each Sunday morning there is a period in which students work individually with high school or adult tutors to improve their Hebrew reading. Conversational Hebrew is introduced as a living language, and as a connection with Jews worldwide. In Judaic studies, students learn more about holidays, mitzvot, and values in a hands-on curriculum designed to help them experience all facets of Jewish life, and have family programs which help build the home-school connection.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Grades 6 and 7 meet on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Grade 6 also meets on Mondays in the first semester, and on selected Saturday mornings in the second semester. Grade 8 meets on Sunday mornings.

The middle school program addresses the many issues important to students at this time in their lives. The goals for the religious school during the middle school years are to increase learning in both subject areas and skills, while engaging students in quality discussions and activities as they explore their own Jewish identities. Reviewing Jewish lifecycle events, exploring the concepts of

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mitzvot, contemplating Jewish ethics and values, looking at Talmud and other traditional Jewish texts, learning the history of the Jewish people, thinking about what it means to be a Jew in today's world, coming together as a community each week for tefillot, and engaging in a formal study of conversational Hebrew are all components of the program. Middle school students also engage in several tzedakah and tikkun olam projects throughout the year. This year's programming includes electives; students will choose between several options offered by teachers and rabbis each trimester. The electives are academic, but supplemental to the core Judaics curriculum.

Sixth graders attend a weekend retreat at the beginning of the year. A series of Shabbat morning sessions, as well as a series of family programs called the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Series engage students, as well as their parents in meaningful learning which facilitates the preparation of students for bar and bat mitzvah individual tutoring.

Beth Israel, in cooperation with Temple Beth Emeth, offers conversational Hebrew at an immersion level in the middle school. These classes are designed for students who have attended Hebrew Day School in the past, as well as students who have an extensive Hebrew background from other learning experiences. Students whose families are not Beth Israel members are welcome to attend these classes, and encouraged to call for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Madrichim Program. Through training sessions, seminars and work in various settings throughout the religious school and synagogue, 9th through 12th grade students learn about the various activities and institutions which make up Beth Israel Congregation. They serve as office and library assistants, classroom aides, Hebrew tutors, junior congregation leaders, and as mentors and role models for

younger students. In addition to seminars that focus on teacher training and leadership, high school students engage in seminars about Conservative Judaism, text study, Israel, and other topics relevant to their role as emergent leaders in the Jewish community.

Additional Classes and Programs. High school students are encouraged to take advantage of the Hebrew classes offered through Keshet Ann Arbor. They are also encouraged to participate in informal study sessions with Rabbi Dobrusin, come to adult synagogue lectures and events as appropriate, be active in USY or other youth groups, and attend Jewish camps and Israel programs.

ADULT EDUCATION

The Education and Programs Departments offer a variety of programs to interest learners of all ages. Included are opportunities to study beginning, intermediate and advanced Conversational Hebrew and Biblical Hebrew , a Sunday night lecture series (generally from 7:45–9 p.m., with refreshments) featuring dynamic presenters from local universities, text study classes on the weekly Torah portion and other topics, special holiday study sessions, a Mussar Group, the biennial Rosenberg scholar in residence weekend (with this year's featured speaker Burton Visotzky), and two educational series "Judaism 101" and "Walking with God" series taught by Rabbi Kim Blumenthal.

BETH ISRAEL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT

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The Programs Department provides high quality, experiential, and informal Jewish learning opportunities for youth, adults, and families. Programming embraces the full spectrum of Jewish life: cultural, educational, social, religious, and spiritual. All events are meant to reinforce and complement Jewish experiences in the home and beyond. To best achieve these objectives, weekly, monthly, and annual events are offered. These include family education programs, adult programming, Shabbat and holiday programming, youth groups, and other teen programs. Participation of all congregants is encouraged, and all events are also open to the general community.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

At the Beth Israel Congregation Family Fair on September 7 at Beth Israel, a variety of activities for young and old will be offered including a bounce house, musical entertainment, performers, Israeli dancing, a free hot dog lunch, free snow cones, soccer skills competition, Texas Hold 'um, special program and story time for incoming K–first graders, bingo, and lots of old fashioned fun (for adults too). Other events such as Shabbat in the Park, Pet Shabbat, Instrumental Kabbalat Shabbat, and the celebration of Tu B'shvat, all take place in the out-of-doors.

BETH ISRAEL FLOWER AND VEGETABLE GARDEN

The Beth Israel garden at County Farm Park is part of Project Grow which provides produce to local food banks, as well as for summer kiddushes. Congregants volunteer their time to plan, water, and weed the garden.

NEW MEMBER DINNER

Staff, lay leaders and fellow congregants look forward to this opportunity to welcome new members to the community, share what the congregation has to offer and to get to know each other.

QUIZ NIGHT

A highlight of the programming year 's the annual multi-media Beth Israel Quiz Night. Adults of all ages compete as teams to answer trivia questions, audio and video clues, and other puzzles in a fun filled, social evening. The Quiz Night takes place in January.

SPECIAL SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY MEALS.

Beth Israel hosts a number of Shabbat and holiday meals as a way to get to meet other members of the synagogue community and enhance one's celebration of Shabbat and holidays. A Sukkah Hop after services will provide desserts at various nearby members' *sukkot*. An "International Shul of Pancakes Breakfast" is available in between the Shaharit Service and the Torah processionals on Simchat Torah. "Latkapaloosa" provides families with a hot dog and latke dinner with games, crafts, stories, and the lighting of the *hanukkiot*. "Sweatshirt Shabbat" encourages everyone to wear a sweatshirt to a winter Shabbat morning service, and is followed by a selection of cholents from the around the world, prepared by different congregants. Teen Shabbat and Kid's Kiddush allow the congregation's teens to run the service, while 5th and 6th graders plan and present the kiddush luncheon which follows.

ROSH HASHANAH FAMILY CELEBRATION AND ROSH HASHANAH FAMILY SERVICE

The pre-Rosh Hashanah happening is an ideal way for families with younger (and squirmier) children to learn and enjoy something about Rosh Hashanah in a family-friendly manner. Past activities have included outdoor mixers, stories read from the bimah, small-group discussions and family presentations, and crafts made for the rest of the congregation to discover during regular Rosh Hashanah services. The Rosh Hashanah Family Service is intended for families with elementary school aged children and is a more informal, participatory service than the regular Rosh Hashanah service.

HIGH HOLY DAY JUNIOR CONGREGATION SERVICES

Special, age-appropriate services are offered for almost every level at Beth Israel, from preschoolers through 7th grade. With a different service offered for each of four age groupings, the holidays are celebrated in ways ranging from stories and hands-on activities for the youngest kids to offering older kids opportunities for serious (moderated) discussion and service-leading. Parents are always welcome to join these services and see what their children are accomplishing and learning.

PROGRAMS FOR TOTS AND THEIR PARENTS

Beth Israel offers a comprehensive program for families with children aged 3–5. Dinners such as "Bring a Stuffed Animal Friend" Tot Friday Night Dinner, A Tot Hanukah Party, a Tot Tu B'shvat Seder and Dinner, and a Pre-Passover Tot Friday Night Dinner, include songs, crafts, and informal educational fun while the twice monthly Tot Shabbat program on Saturday mornings are great opportunities for families with children aged 3–5.

PURIM CELEBRATION

The entire congregation gets into the act by dressing up in costumes (adults as well as children) and participating in a themed Purim Megilla Reading which changes each year. Past events included A Harry Potter Purim, A Star Wars Purim, The Pirates of Purim and Batman vs.Haman:Will Purim Survive?.

INTERFAITH CONCERT MARKING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This year Beth Israel will host a concert featuring Detroit School of Arts "Vision - DSA Male Ensemble," in honor of Black History Month. This group is a premier male African-American Choral Group, from the prestigious magnet performing arts high school in Detroit.

SHABBAT PROGRAMS

EARLY CHILDHOOD CHILD CARE (AGES 2-5)

Child care is offered weekly (Saturdays 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.), and on major Jewish holidays, with games, puzzles and plenty of free play. A snack is provided, as well as an outdoor activity (weather permitting). Older children can be accommodated with permission of the staff.

MOADON (GRADES 1-5)

Moadon, which means "gathering place," is a supervised drop-in program for elementary school students. Offered nearly every Shabbat from 10 a.m–12:15 p.m. except during the summer, Moadon includes both unstructured play time as well as time for Jr. Congregation services, snacks, stories from the tradition and drama workshops.

TOT SHABBAT:

Tot Shabbat is a twice monthly (2nd and 4th Saturday) mini-Shabbat service tailored to preschoolers which starts at 11:15 am. It includes Torah stories and a Torah parade, interactive songs, and creative prayer techniques appealing to children this age.

KEHILLAT SHABBAT

Kehillat Shabbat is an age approriate interactive and enriched Shabbat service for children in kindergarten through 2nd grade. This service features songs and discussions while also teaching many of the prayers that are a part of the Shabbat morning service.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION (GRADES 1–5)

This highly interactive Shabbat service which takes place from September–June is designed to serve as a teaching service, and as such, strives to be inclusive and welcoming of all children no matter what their familiarity level with the service is.

YOUTH GROUPS

HALUTZIM (GRADES 3–5).

Halutzim offers the opportunity for children to make friends in fun, informal Jewish settings, fostering a more comfortable, familiar feeling toward synagogue life and their Jewish identity.

KADIMA (GRADES 6–8)

Events are largely social in nature due to the age of the participants and the importance of creating a social network for the community's Jewish teens, but they also include activities are rooted in Jewish education and/or focus on social action.

A2USY (TEENS)

USY offers teens a chance to connect to each other, the synagogue, regionally and locally and creates leadership opportunities allowing teens to socialize, as well as to contribute to the life of the synagogue and the community. Activities may include laser tag, whirlyball, kickball and social action events such as helping out at the Food Gatherers Community Kitchen.

OTHER TEEN ACTIVITIES:

TEEN SHABBAT

All post-bar/bat mitzvah teens are invited to participate in Teen Shabbat, a Shabbat morning service for the Beth Israel community. Teens conduct the entire service, including reading from the Torah and delivering the D'var Torah.

TEEN KOL NIDRE SERVICE

During the High Holidays, all teens in 8–12 grades are invited to participate in a unique Kol Nidre service. The service is lead primarily by the teens and includes a discussion session. This teens only service is a great way for Jewish teenagers to experience the holiday in a meaningful way.

HIGH SCHOOL DINNER OUT

High School students are invited to attend this special dinner out with Rabbi Dobrusin and various staff members as a kick-off to other activities during the year.

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lies in the Washtenaw County area. Under the guidance of Rabbi Aharon and Esther Goldstein, Congregation Beth Chabad reaches out to all Jews regardless of age, affiliation or level of observance. Located on the University of Michigan campus, Congregation Beth Chabad is dedicated to increasing the understanding and knowledge of Judaism and to actively serving and improving the community.

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knowledge, and classes are free of charge and open to the public. Private classes are also available.

Services are conducted year-round in conformance with traditional Jewish law and practice. Hebrew prayer books are available with English or Russian translations. Shabbat evening services begin 15 minutes before sundown Fridays during the school year and at 7 p.m. during the summer. Shabbat morning services begin at 9:45 a.m. Shabbat afternoon and evening services 40 minutes before sundown all year round. Daily services are held in conjunction with the Hillel Orthodox Minyan, starting at 7:30 a.m. during the week and at 9 a.m. on Sunday. Sunday, Thursday and Friday morning services take place at Chabad House; Monday through Wednesday services are held at Hillel.

Chabad plays an active role in the local Jewish community. Holiday highlights include shofar making at the JCC's Apples and Honey event, Chanukah adult and childrens' programs, distribution of shalach manot (gift baskets) for Purim and a Passover matzah bakery.

Chabad provides a place where life-cycle events can be commemorated and celebrated. Jewish services offered throughout the year include rabbinical advice, information and help on koshering home kitchens, provision of religious articles at cost, renting furnished rooms for students and visitors, providing Shabbat and holiday hospitality, meals, counseling, lectures and classes. Judaic and bar/bat mitzvah tutoring for children and adults is offered.

Chabad House facilities are available to all Jews in the community for the pursuit of Jewish knowledge and for contact with other Jews. Its hospitality and home-like atmosphere are appreciated by students and by visitors to the area. A Rosh Chodesh group for women only is provided and a mikvah is located on the premises (see Womens Organizations). Congregation Beth Chabad also offers a wide array of other services and programs, including adult education and a Judaic Library/CD ROM library (see Jewish Education). Chabad House is also a center for Jewish students at the University of Michigan (see Campus Organizations). For children, Chabad offers Torah Enrichment Program and a winter and summer day camp, and Camp Gan Israel (see Youth Activities.)

JEWISH CULTURAL SOCIETY

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The Jewish Cultural Society is a secular humanistic organization, promoting Jewish ethics, values, history, and culture. It provides a community for those whose Jewish identification is primarily with culture, history, and family. Founded in 1965, the Jewish Cultural Society stresses the cultural aspects of Jewish traditions, Jewish history as a source of ethics and strength, and the values of humanism and social justice found in both modern and historical Judaism. The community offers enriching adult educational and social programs, Jewish holiday celebrations, life cycle events, social action opportunities, an engaging Sunday school, and a B'nai Mitzvah program. The JCS also runs several community-wide events including Tu b'Shevat at Matthaei Botanical Gardens and a festive Sukkot program.

The JCS takes pride in the fact that the membership is diverse. All individuals and families – young and elderly, traditional and nontraditional, Jewish or intercultural – who wish to express their Jewishness from a secular humanistic perspective, are welcome. About a quarter of the members come from intercultural or interfaith marriages. The JCS offers celebrates Jewish holiday (including monthly Shabbat/Havdalah, High Holidays, Pesach) and life-cycle celebrations through a secular humanistic lens. We interpret Jewish tradition by focusing on the relationships between people and our efforts to improve the world around us

The Jewish Cultural Society is based at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor and is affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations, the Michigan Coalition of Secular and Humanistic Jews, and the International Federation of Secular Humanistic Jews.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Secular Humanistic Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur observances, primarily in English, are offered every fall at

the Jewish Community Center. The message of the High Holiday observances is reflection, responsibility, and forgiveness. The observances are a rededication to communal and individual actions that improve the community and the world. Songs are sung in Hebrew, Yiddish, and English and are led by the Jewish Cultural Society choir. The Jewish Cultural Society observes Tashlich along the banks of the Huron River. The group begins with a potluck lunch that is followed by an observance and discussion. The Jewish Cultural Society community also comes together for a "Break-the-Fast" potluck after Yom Kippur. All observances are free to members and open to the public for a small charge.

Other holiday celebrations are coordinated by Sunday school parents, and include a Sukkot Harvest Celebration, a Chanukah Party, and a Purim Carnival. A wonderful biannual Jewish Cultural Society event is the Tu B'Shevat celebration of the trees at Matthaei Botanical Gardens in the midst of Michigan's winter, which emphasizes the theme of personal responsibility for the environment. Alternate years, the Jewish Cultural Society celebrates with a Tu B'Shevat Seder.

The Jewish Cultural Society holds a community-wide vegetarian potluck Second Night Seder each Passover, using a contemporary Haggadah that was developed by members. The Seder includes songs and poetry, as well as offering a spotlight for JCS students to participate in the readings. The Seder emphasizes the continuing need to work for freedom throughout the world.

SHABBAT OBSERVANCES

The recognition of Shabbat is a time to step away from one's daily life and focus on family and learning is an important part of secular humanistic Jewish practice. The Jewish Cultural Society community meets on the first Friday of the month and are open to the community. The community celebrates Shabbat through secular Jewish readings; singing; candle lighting, challah, and wine rituals; and a Yahrtzeit observance to remember loved ones. Following the Shabbat observance, the community shares a potluck dinner and an educational or social action program. The after-dinner program may be a discussion on a topic of interest, a lecture, or a community activity. The First Friday Shabbat is celebrated at the JCC and participants of all ages are welcome.

A Family/Tot Shabbat is run concurrently with the First Friday Shabbat Observance. Family/Tot Shabbat is a wonderful way to welcome in the weekend with other families of early elementary age and younger children. The Jewish Cultural Society's interactive Family/Tot Shabbat begins with a short and upbeat celebration geared to young children with lots

of singing and dancing. Following Shabbat, the group shares a potluck supper and makes holiday-themed crafts, reads stories and sings songs. Family/Tot Shabbat is celebrated at the JCC.

A bi-monthly celebration of Havdalah distinguishes between the quietness and introspection of Shabbat and the activity of the rest of the week. Celebrated at members' homes, the community begins Havdalah with a modern, secular humanistic observance. Following the Havdalah observance, JCS families welcome the new week with a potluck dinner. Children are welcome and participate in the celebration of Havdalah.

LIFE CYCLE OBSERVANCES

Life cycle observances, a central part of the Jewish Cultural Society, include baby namings, bar and bat mitzvah celebrations, weddings, funerals, and memorials and unveilings, all officiated by the Madrikha or ordained leader. The Jewish Cultural Society's Memorial Garden is at Arborcrest Cemetery in Ann Arbor.

Second grade students have a special Shabbat ceremony dedicated to affirming their Jewish names. This annual community-wide life cycle event provides the second grade class with the opportunity to learn about the people for whom they are named and, in the case of some students, to choose a Hebrew name for themselves.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Jewish Cultural Society holds Sunday school for young people throughout the school year (see description below). Jewish learning continues after bar or bat mitzvah with the eighth-grade Sunday school class. Recently expanded, the eighth grade class curriculum focuses on Jewish ethics and social action projects. The eighth graders also plan monthly social activities that contribute to group cohesion and strong friendships. High school students become classroom aides in the Sunday school. Many of the post bar/bat mitzvah age youth attend the annual Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations' conference that takes place each Memorial Day weekend in different locations across North America.

The community offers Sunday morning adult education programs throughout the school year. These Sunday Schmoozes provide an opportunity for all members of the Ann Arbor Jewish community to meet local scholars and community leaders for an informal discussion of Jewish topics and world events. Recent topics have emphasized Secular Humanistic Judaism; improving family life; social action/social justice issues; Jewish cooking; and historic, political, or current events. Leyenkraytz, the JCS book club meets monthly on a Sunday morning to discuss books with a Jewish theme.

The adult b'nai mitzvah class meets bi-weekly. Participants, in collaboration with the leader, plan the curriculum content and pace. The adult mitzvah ceremony culminates the approximately two-year program.

A Mid-winter Forum hosts scholars of local, national, or international prominence to address a pressing issue of the day, an advance in understanding Jewish history, or a means to enrich the celebration of secular Jewish life. Recent Mid-winter Forum speakers include Dr. Adolfo Roitman, curator of the Shrine of the Book in Jerusalem and Dead Sea Scroll Scholar, and Rabbi Sherwin Wine, founder of Humanistic Judaism.

SOCIAL ACTION

Social action is at the heart of Secular Humanistic Judaism. A firm belief that Jews are responsible for their own history, actions, and future motivates secular humanistic Jews to place Tikkun Olam at the center of their Jewish consciousness. The Social Action committee uses email to keep the Jewish Cultural Society community informed on issues requiring action such as letter writing, marches, and briefings. Jewish Cultural Society

families volunteer at local shelters, and the Dialogue Over Dinner Program is an ongoing effort to build understanding and trust with the community's Muslim neighbors. The JCS also participates in the Interfaith Roundtable and the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice.

JCS students participate in tzedakah as each Sunday school class identifies a social action project of interest to them. The tzedakah money they raise

is donated to that designated group or societal situation they want to improve. Community service is also a major part of the bar/bat mitzvah program described below.

ADULT ACTIVITIES

In addition to the social action activities and adult education seminars and forums, the Jewish Cultural Society holds regular social activities for it's adult members. Pourin' for Purim is the community's annual wine and cheese event. Lager for Lag b'Omer is our annual fundraiser.

The Jewish Cultural Society's monthly Rosh Hodesh gatherings celebrate the new Jewish month through a short celebration, discussions, and socializing amongst the community's women. Some of the Rosh Hodesh activities include our annual Apple Cake Bake for the high holidays, Books we loved Reading for Jewish Book Month, Rejuvenating our Spirits, tying baby blankets to help the Corner Clinic in Ypsilanti, a movie and discussion on Making Social Action Your Own, and a women's seder.

The Jewish Cultural Society's Third Friday Chavurah for the community's older members takes the form of a monthly potluck held in rotation at the homes of its members. Meeting regularly since the 1980s, the group has spawned close friendships and lively conversations.

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Jewish Cultural Society holds Sunday school for young people throughout the school year. Students who become bar or bat mitzvah and complete their eighth grade year, return as paid tzofim (aides) in the Jewish Cultural School. The tzofim, as well as other junior and senior high school age students staff the Jewish Cultural Society booth at Apples and Honey, the Ann Arbor Jewish community event welcoming the fall holiday season. Additionally, tzofim run the crafts and games at the Jewish Cultural Society's Chanukah Party and a Purim Carnival. The tzofim also run the Family/Tot Shabbat observance on the first Friday of each month. Youth who are bar/bat mitzvah age or older are encouraged to attend the annual Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations conference, which takes place each Memorial Day.

JEWISH CULTURAL SCHOOL

The Jewish Cultural School is the Sunday school program of the Jewish Cultural Society. Its mission is to ensure that each student is exposed to the full range of diversity and variety in Jewish culture and history. The school runs from September to May and provides preschool through eighth-grade classes.

The Sunday school program provides young people with opportunities to learn about Jewish life from historical, cultural and ethical perspectives. Jewish holidays are discussed with emphasis on their relevance today. The children also study Jewish life in biblical times and the Middle Ages; Jewish culture in Europe, the Middle East and America; anti-Semitism and the Holocaust; and Secular Humanistic Jewish philosophers. The sixth grade takes a field trip to the impressive new Holocaust Museum in Farmington Hills. Hands-on activities such as arts and crafts, cooking, music, dance and drama are integrated into the curriculum at every level. Although everything is taught in English, students are introduced to basic key words in Hebrew and Yiddish. The curriculum is continually evolving with the help of student, parent, and teacher input.

Parent involvement in the Jewish Cultural School is welcome and encouraged. Parents may teach, help in their child's classroom, or help in the planning and running of holiday celebrations.

B'NAI MITZVAH PROGRAM

The Jewish Cultural School B'nai Mitzvah program offers a truly unique and meaningful way to bring Jewish children into adulthood. This program begins in sixth grade and is a two-year process that includes independent research on Jewish topics of interest chosen by the students. They distill the information into short oral presentations given at a gathering of the families of the b'nai mitzvah class. The topics have covered everything from Masada to shtetl life in Russia to Marc Chagall to Black/Jewish Relations in the Civil Rights Movement. The students also research their own families' stories, and work on a Jewish identity project that helps them to solidify their own ideas about what it means to be Jewish. In keeping with secular humanistic Jewish emphasis on social action, there is a 30-hour community service commitment to a project chosen by the student. Students have worked for Meals on Wheels, Food Gatherers, Lurie Terrace, Therapeutic Riding Stables and many other local charities.

This effort culminates in a bar or bat mitzvah celebration, usually during the seventh grade. Each ceremony is a unique collaboration written by the students and their parents with help from the B'nai Mitzvah Coordinator and Madrikha who preside over the events. Students usually present their research topic at their mitzvah event. In addition, since the Jewish Cultural Society's focus is on Jewish history and culture, each student who celebrates their bar or bat mitzvah in the community incorporates a cultural presentation whether musical, literary, humorous, or artistic. The mitzvah celebrations are held at the Jewish Community Center or another location of the bar/bat mitzvah family's choice.

After bar or bat mitzvah, students are encouraged to continue in the eighth grade and later become Sunday school tzofim (classroom aides), providing a vehicle for them to maintain active participation in the Jewish Cultural Society.

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Pardes Hannah, Ann Arbor's Jewish Renewal Community, provides an intimate setting to enter deeply into prayer through chanting, kabbalistic meditation, movement, traditional davening, and openhearted engagement with Torah. Pardes Hannah offers Shabbat morning and Kabbalat Shabbat services, Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur services and a variety of spiritual and educational study sessions and celebrations throughout the cycle of the Jewish year.

Pardes Hannah meets the 2nd Shabbat of the month for Shabbat morning services held at Beth Israel Annex 2010 Washtenaw Ave and then during the month alternate (usually on the 4th Shabbat) with a Shabbat morning learners minyan (held at Beth Israel Annex), the third meal — "seudat shilshit"— singing table melodies and learnings from Jewish mystical texts, or Kabblat Shabbat services (held at people's homes). Check the website for dates, location and more information.

Services are led by Rabbi Elliot Ginsburg, founder and spiritual leader of Pardes Hannah, and other skilled leaders in the group. In the tradition of Jewish Renewal communities (see www.aleph.org), Pardes Hannah is committed to strengthening the three pillars of Jewish life—prayer, study, and action. The goals of Jewish Renewal are to empower individuals to respond to the call of Torah and to provide the resources that assist individuals and communities in the search for a meaningful, Jewish spiritual practice. Jewish Renewal draws on the well- springs of Jewish tradition, on sacred texts, mystical practices, historical currents, artistic expression, and individuals' own inner truths.

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Temple Beth Emeth is a Reform Congregation, affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism, committed to enhancing religious life in Ann Arbor through religious, spiritual, cultural, educational, social action and social programming. The congregation strives to create a sense of family, a "caring community," for all its members – a place in which its members can celebrate their joys or share difficult moments surrounded by people who care.

Prayer is the heart of our congregation. Providing a spectrum of Shabbat services is one of the ways TBE meets the needs of a diverse congregation. Each Shabbat TBE celebrates with a variety of services that reflect the various needs and spiritual journeys of our members. Every Friday evening we offer a 5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat service followed by dinner and an after-dinner song session, and at 7:30 pm, a service using our new Reform prayer book, Mishkan Tefilah. Several times each season we hold cross-generational services at 6:30 p.m. Shabbat morning begins with a Torah study led by Rabbi Levy at 8:50 a.m. and followed by a service at 9:30a.m. A traditional service is held at 10 a.m.

There are many opportunities for special Shabbat celebrations throughout the year such as Sisterhood Shabbat, New Member Shabbat, Teacher Appreciation Shabbat, and others. A detailed schedule of services may be found at the TBE website: www.templebethemeth.org.

Holidays provide the perfect venue for festive events. TBE has a family Sukkot picnic with sukkah decorating. Simchat Torah combines study and dance. The Family Chanukah Service and the Brotherhood Latke Dinner have become TBE traditions. The Second Night Seder celebrates Passover in the spirit of community. A meaningful Yom HaShoah/Holocaust Memorial Service is written and led by our Generations After group.

MUSIC

ADULT CHOIR

Jewish music plays an important role at TBE under the direction of Cantor Annie Rose. The adult choir, Kol Halev, sings during High Holy Day services, on a monthly basis at Friday night services and at concerts throughout the year. The choir went on a concert tour of Bulgaria, Romania, and Greece in the summer of 2004, and a concert tour of Argentina in the summer of 2007, performing Jewish music in small communities and collaborating with Jewish choirs. Kol Halev also presents concerts throughout Michigan.

YOUTH, MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL ENSEMBLES

The Youth Choir, with members in grades 3-5, performs in services and concerts at the temple and in the community. The annual Main Street Sing is a highlight for singers and families.

Middle School Shir Chadash and High School Shir Chadash, the student choral and instrumental ensembles, perform in services and concerts and periodically hold "Cafe TBE" evenings of music in an informal cafe atmosphere. High School Shir Chadash travels each year to other communities to lead services and give concerts. A late-winter concert by all four ensembles is one of the highlights of the year.

SOCIAL ACTION

The mission of the Social Action Committee of Temple Beth Emeth is to assist the congregation in applying Jewish values to promoting social justice through aid, education, and advocacy. These efforts to promote tikkun olam are concentrated on selected issues each year that are of concern to local or global communities. Social action has a prominent role at TBE, taking many forms.

The committee's priorities for involvement and programs for the coming year include: human rights and Israeli-Palestinian relations (education and outreach), hunger and debt relief (including support of Mazon and Jubilee USA), economic challenges in our region, Sudan and Darfur, and green (sustainability). Additional areas of concern include civil liberties, interfaith relations, religious freedom, and peace.

Ongoing activities include long-time involvement with the local Interfaith Hospitality Network, the Delonis Center, and several other community outreach programs. Mitzvah Day is an annual one-day service event with several hundred volunteers providing services to many agencies in the county.

SISTERHOOD AND BROTHERHOOD

The Sisterhood is a vibrant organization with broad-based activities that support both its members and the congregation as a whole. Members also run the gift shop that offers a wide selection of Judaica, gifts, and special order items. Brotherhood is both a service and educational group for the congregation, sponsoring the latke dinner, building the sukkah, and holding both social and educational meetings for its members. (See additional sections on Men's and Women's organizations for details.)

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Adult Education Programs

Jewish learning is a life-long pursuit that takes on many forms. TBE offers a wide variety of educational opportunities for adults. They include semester courses in special topics, Introduction to Judaism courses, study with Rabbi Levy and Cantor Rose, weekly Shabbat Morning Torah Study, a Shabbaton (extended Shabbat programming) with a scholar-in-residence, book clubs, bi-monthly Men's Torah Study, holiday educational programs, and a themed lecture series. Programs are open to temple members and to members of the community at large.

CARING COMMUNITY

The Caring Community program provides a congregation-wide opportunity to serve fellow congregants in times of joy and sorrow. Through the Caring Community Volunteer Corps (CCVC) congregants assist each other with meals for families with new babies, for congregants that are ill or recovering from surgery, or for a house of mourning. CCVC also provides rides during the day to doctor's appointments and rides to and from services and events at TBE.

Bikkur Cholim provides regular visits to members of the TBE community who are in the hospital, nursing or assisted living centers, or at home. Nachamu (TBE's Bereavement Group) conducts shiva services at congregants' homes and provides training for others to participate in this mitzvah. Welcoming Services connects new members to events and TBE groups of interest. An interfaith couples' support group meets to discuss common issues. Caregivers support groups meet often to support adult children caring for parents locally and out of town.

New Beginnings is a group that explores issues of conversion and shares information for those who are new to Judaism. Jewish meditation workshops and sessions are held throughout the year; all levels are welcome.

Caring Community is facilitated by the director of congregational services with the assistance of congregant leadership, who are committed to making TBE an inclusive and participatory community.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Services and special celebrations are planned throughout the year on festivals and other holidays. During Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the congregation offers traditional services along with family services, youth services, and a special service for tots and their parents. Sukkot and Simchat Torah include an outdoor sukkah decorating party, services, Israeli dancing and multiple adult study opportunities. The Brotherhood sponsors a latke dinner each Chanukah, which is followed by a service lit by everyone's menorahs. In the spring, a large annual second night seder is held. Every year, the Generations After group (TBE children & relatives of survivors) write a meaningful Yom Hashoah service for the observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day and a supplemental afternoon service for Yom Kippur. Spring brings a fun megillah reading, an adult Purim ball, and Purim carnival. Shavuot brings the special confirmation service that is written and led by the confirmation class as well as an evening of adult study.

TOT PROGRAMS

TBE offers a weekly 5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat service conducted by Rabbi Robert Levy and Cantor Annie Rose followed by a dinner. Tot Chanukah, held in conjunction with the annual family service has become a popular event, and tot activities are part of the annual Purim carnival. Caring Community provides baby bags to welcome the newest members of the TBE community

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

TNT, the 20's and 30's group at TBE for young Jewish adults, single or married, meets for both cultural and social events. Outdoor activities, potluck Shabbat dinners, and volunteering at a community organization are some of the events done over the past few years. TNT frequently co-sponsors events with other local Jewish young adult groups. The Renaissance Group (RG), for members who are aged 50 and over, holds potluck dinners, game nights, and attends theater events, as well as other social activities in an effort to encourage connections among members who no longer have children in the Religious School. Ruach (pronounced Ru'akh, meaning 'spirit'), is for members who feel they are in-between TNT and RG and are looking for active programs. Previous events have been Whirlyball, a Murder Mystery Dinner Night and a Passover Wine Tasting. Look out for new and exciting programs this year, such as a golf tournament, and a Chanukah Iron Chef event.

TEMPLE BETH EMETH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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Temple Beth Emeth strives to educate its students to become proficient in the skills needed to be life-long Jewish learners. TBE believes that this is best accomplished within the framework of a vibrant Jewish community. TBE provides students with a curriculum based on Reform Jewish educational philosophy in a manner that is creative, engaging and intellectually stimulating. It employs high-quality teachers who are knowledgeable, enthusiastic and committed to Judaism. TBE involves the families of its students in a variety of exciting family education programs.

The Religious and Hebrew School programs serve students from preschool age through grade 12. The curriculum includes studies in areas such as customs and traditions, Torah, holidays, life cycle, prayer, music, history, theology, Israel, immigration, comparative Judaism, the Holocaust and Jewish ethics. The curriculum is based upon recommendations from the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. There are 375 students enrolled in the school.

LOWER GRADES

Religious School for preschool-5th grade students is held at TBE on Saturday mornings in two sessions: 8:30–10:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. –12:30 p.m. Shabbat mornings are filled with singing, Israeli dance, stories, the study of Jewish history, Torah, Israel, mitzvot, ethics and holidays. Each grade has a different focus and our approach is an active hands-on one where students are guided in their learning by teachers who are knowledgeable and have a love of Judaism.

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

A monthly parent-child class focusing on Jewish holidays and home rituals is available for three-year-olds. Parents participate in special programs related to the curricula offered during Religious School. Parenting workshops are offered on a variety of topics throughout the year. A Jewish artist is invited to perform for students and their families each year. On Shabbat morning there is a Torah study session, followed by services in the chapel, during the first session of Religious School. These activities help to develop a sense of community and encourage parents to continue their own educational growth.

HEBREW

Students are introduced to the Hebrew alphabet in second grade, and formal Hebrew School begins in third grade and continues through eighth grade. The Hebrew program focuses on Hebrew reading skills and an understanding of the meaning and structure of the prayers. Students are introduced to conversational Hebrew and grammar. TBE offers Conversational Hebrew in 8th grade and many of TBE's high school students study Conversational Hebrew through Keshet, the Community Resource Hebrew Program sponsored by TBE and the Jewish Federation of Washtenaw County.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH TRAINING

Cantor Annie Rose offers a bar/bat mitzvah training program in which she teaches students individually as well as in small groups.

MUSIC

Students enjoy a strong Jewish music program, led by experienced song leaders as part of the weekly Saturday morning program. Cantor Annie Rose

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leads a Youth Choir for students in grades 3–5 and Shir Chadash, vocal and instrumental groups for middle and high school students. These musical groups are very popular and meet at times that are coordinated with Hebrew and Religious School sessions. The students have a variety of opportunities to perform throughout the year.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Sixth through twelfth grades have class on Sunday evenings from 6–7:30 p.m. The 170 students participating in this program enjoy sharing pizza and social time before the formal class session begins. 7th graders study mitzvot and participate in a variety of social action projects. The 8th grade class, which studies modern Jewish history, ends

with a trip to Jewish New York. The 10th grade confirmation class is taught by Rabbi Levy and culminates in a beautiful Shabbat service which is written and led by the students. Eleventh and twelfth grade seminar options include courses such as "Contemporary Jewish Culture,""An in-depth Study of Genesis," and "Jews and the Movies".

MADRICHIM PROGRAM

Ninth grade students participate in a yearlong training program, which prepares them for working as a madrich/a (classroom aide). Students in grades ten through twelve work as office or classroom aides. The 47 madrichim who worked in the classrooms last year served as positive role models for the younger students and added a wonderful energy to the school.

ADVANCED HEBREW STUDY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

High school students are able to receive public school credit (through the Community Resource program) for studying Hebrew language. There were 26 students involved in the Keshet Hebrew CR program last year. This program is co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Washtenaw County and private donors.

TBE YOUTH GROUPS

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Cantor Annie Rose, youth director
Brian Merlos, youth advisor

YOUTH (AARTY) — FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Under the leadership of its board, AARTY has multifaceted programming in the areas of spirituality/religion, community, social action, social events and education. AARTY members plan and implement their own programs, guided by their advisor. Social action programs include the sponsorship of a High Holy Day food drive, Cookie-a-thon and other programs serving the community. Members of AARTY lead High Holy Day services for high school and middle school students. Once a month, AARTY holds Shabbat services, which include creative liturgy and music. Affiliated with the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY), AARTY provides members with opportunities to meet other Jewish high school students at regional gatherings on both the state and national levels. NFTY also sponsors a youth leadership summer camp in New York, regional summer camps and programs in Israel.

KADIMA — MIDDLE SCHOOL

Kadima provides opportunities for middle school students to meet on a monthly basis for programs in the social action, religious, cultural and social areas. Kadima members meet with their advisor to design and plan their programs. During the course of the year activities include joint programming with other middle school-age youth groups from Reform temples in the region. Recent programs have included a shul-in, visits to area attractions, holiday services and retreats.

RISHONIM — 3RD–5TH GRADERS

Rishonim meets monthly to give 3rd–5th graders an opportunity to socialize in a setting outside of religious school. Events include holiday celebrations and other social activities.

older adult programs

SPICE OF LIFE

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Merrill Poliner, Older Adult Program coordinator

The Jewish Community Center's Older Adult Program, known as "SPICE" (Social, Physical, Intellectual, Cultural and Educational programming), offers a wide range of activities for seniors. The SPICE program is a unique resource for the Jewish community, providing information, involvement, and opportunities for developing new friendships and for welcoming newcomers moving into the Ann Arbor area. It validates the talent and expertise of seniors and welcomes all who want to add some "SPICE" to their life.

Regularly scheduled programming includes exercise, games and crafts, current event discussions and special presentations on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Jewish Community Center. A dairy lunch is offered at these regular weekly meetings. Additionally, health monitoring, information and prevention events such as blood pressure checks, memory screening and immunizations are offered, as are aerobic and strength-training exercise classes.

Periodically, events such as concerts, classes and trips take place on other days of the week. The SPICE program offers holiday activities, such as a Community Seder for Older Adults and their Families, helping to ensure seniors can continue to celebrate their Jewish heritage. A variety of volunteer activities offer seniors additional ways to socialize and participate in the Jewish community.

The JCC is home to many senior activities that are collaborations with other local organizations. The annual Afternoon Delights series at the JCC features members of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra. Intergenerational activities are held with the JCC Early Childhood Center and the Hebrew Day School. Additionally the JCC partners with Washtenaw Community College and the University of Michigan's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute to provide a spectrum of classes and seminars.

In conjunction with the JCC, Jewish Family Services (JFS) helps older adults maintain their independence and enhance their involvement with the community. Geriatric social workers provide case management, assessment, short-term counseling, home visits, crisis intervention, patient advocacy, information, and referrals for older adults and their families. Volunteers provide friendly visiting and medical accompaniment ("Patient Partners") to older adults. JFS also provides services and programming for caregivers of aging loved ones.

adult activities

BRIT TZEDEK V'SHALOM

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Aaron Ahuvia

Brit Tzedek v'Shalom, the Jewish Alliance for Justice and Peace, is a national organization of American Jews deeply committed to Israel's well-being through the achievement of a negotiated settlement to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Members believe that the vast majority of Israel's and Palestinians long for an enduring peace, and that security for Israel can only be achieved through the establishment of an economically and politically viable Palestinian state. Brit Tzedek has over 40,000 supporters in 38 chapters nationwide, and is the largest group of its kind. Through education, advocacy, local activities and work with the media, they seek to direct U.S. foreign policy toward the realization of a negotiated peace. Brit Tzedek welcomes participation at all levels, from simply joining as a member on its website, to working as an activist.

CHAVERIM B'SHIRIM

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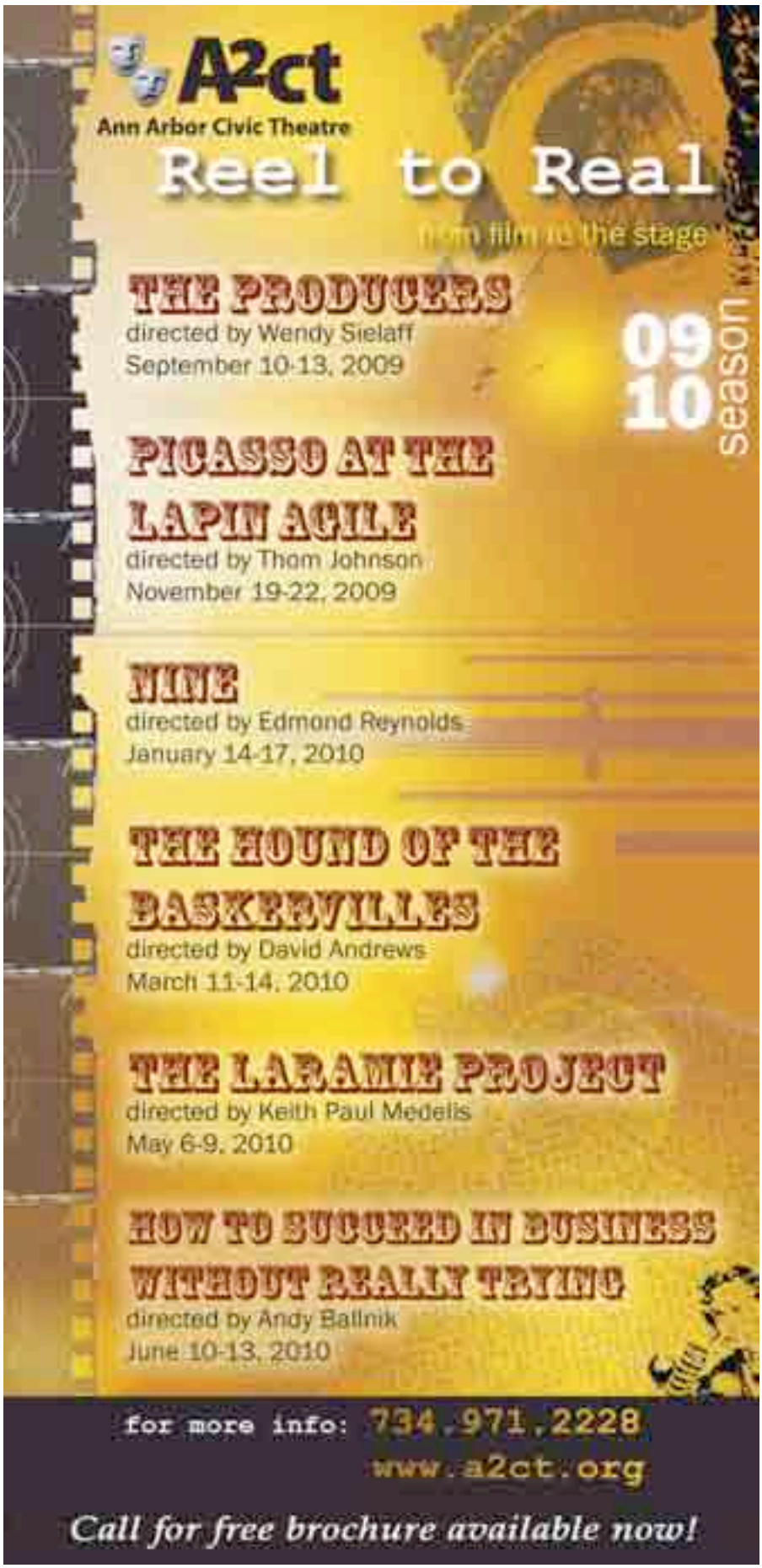
Marilyn Krimm, director

Chaverim B'Shirim is an all-volunteer choir, performing music by Jewish composers whose music spans from the 1600s of Salamone de Rossi to the music of today. The choir has performed the music of George Gershwin, Isaac Dunayevsky, Kurt Weill, Naomi Schemer, Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart, Richard Rodgers, Oscar Hammerstein, and Stephen Sondheim. Director



Marilyn Krimm has a doctor of musical arts degree from the University of Michigan. She has had extensive experience with Jewish music and choral groups, here and in New York.

Singers of all ages and vocal levels are welcome. A brief audition is required. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, 7:30–9 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor.

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Julie Steiner, executive director
Heidi Beck, volunteer coordinator

The Interfaith Hospitality Network provides shelter, meals and assistance to homeless families in Washtenaw County. The program utilizes existing community resources. Each host congregation provides volunteers and meals for 3–6 families for one week, every two to three months, on a rotating schedule. Social service agencies provide screening and referrals.

ISRAELI DANCING OF ANN ARBOR

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The Israeli Dancing of Ann Arbor group meets Thursday evenings, 7:30–10:00 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. Easier dances and oldies from 7:30–"8:30 p.m., intermediate and requests until 10 p.m. Newcomers are always welcome to join in. Learn the latest Israeli dances and request your favorites. Families and students welcome ($5/students and kids are free)

JEWISH ANN ARBOR SINGLES

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Jewish Ann Arbor Singles, or JAAS, sponsors quarterly social events for Jewish singles ages 35 and over in Ann Arbor and the surrounding areas. The goal of the group is to provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere where Jewish singles can meet, network and have a good time.

JCC YIDDISH GROUP

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The JCC Yiddish Group meets weekly to enjoy Yiddish conversation, literature and culture. On the second Friday of the month, the group meets at the JCC for special programs. Other weeks, the group meets for informal conversation and readings in Yiddish.

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MI-COEJL provides environmental information, education and inspiration rooted in Jewish text. The group teaches application of these principles to everyday life resulting in sustainable practices for energy savings and other positive results in our tradition of caring for the earth. Contact MI-COEJL for presentations on global warming and other resources.

JEWISH PROFESSIONALS OF ANN ARBOR

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Michigan Jewish Professionals was established in 2006 to provide local Jewish professionals with opportunities for networking and professional development. The group is open to anyone who works in a professional capacity at an area Jewish agency or is a Jewish professional with strong Ann Arbor connections. The group meets monthly (September–June) and holds special events throughout the year.

YIDISH TISH (YIDDISH CONVERSATIONAL GROUP)

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Elliot H. Gertel, facilitator

Spend a heymish hour in der alter heym speaking and listening to mame-loshn, Yiddish. This informal conversational group, which has been meeting at various venues on and near the University of Michigan central campus for the last several years, is free and open to all lovers of Yiddish language and culture, no matter what level of proficiency, regardless of age, and whether affiliated with the university or not. All manner of topics are discussed, with an effort to improve participants' Yiddish speaking skills, especially vocabulary. Everyone is welcome at any time to join in, or to just listen. Bring your own lunch, if you like, or purchase something from the café. Iz, kumt un hot hanoe!

The group meets every Tuesday (except major Jewish holidays and January 1, July 4, and the last week of December) all year round at 1:30 p.m. at Beanster's Café, ground floor near the North University entrance in the Michigan League, 911 N. University.

MOSAIC OUTDOOR CLUB

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MOCMI is a unique, non-profit organization, dedicated to bringing Jewish people together to enjoy the great outdoors. The club welcomes singles, couples, and families. Membership in the club offers a unique opportunity for the members to: foster a greater appreciation of the outdoors, develop an environmental awareness, gain valuable leadership and outdoor skills, and become a more active part of the Michigan community of Jewish outdoor enthusiasts. Visit the website for more information on events.

RAOUL WALLENBERG ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

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Raoul Wallenberg proved to the world that one person can make a difference in the face of evil. A Swedish citizen who graduated with the highest honors from the University of Michigan in 1935, Wallenberg volunteered during World War II to serve as a U.S. envoy in Hungary. There, his incomparable personal courage and ingenuity saved 100,000 Jewish lives. Today Raoul Wallenberg is recognized as one of the great humanitarians of the twentieth century; he is also one of the University of Michigan's most distinguished alumni.

The Wallenberg Endowment funds an annual lecture and medal presentation to honor this international hero, whose character was partly shaped by his years in school here. Since 1990, this endowed program at the University of Michigan has awarded an annual Wallenberg Medal to an individual whose humanitarian actions exemplify those of Raoul Wallenberg. The medalist program has brought the twentieth century's most outstanding humanitarians to campus to tell their stories.

Wallenberg Medal recipients include, among others, Nobel laureates Elie Wiesel; His Holiness the Dalai Lama; Miep Gies, the woman who supported Anne Frank and her family in hiding; Jan Karski, a courier for the Polish underground during World War II; Helen Suzman, a member of the South African parliament; Per Unger, the Swedish ambassador to Hungary during World War II; Marion Pritchard, a Dutch woman who rescued Jewish babies during World War II; Simcha Rotem, a Warsaw ghetto fighter; the mime Marcel Marceau, who as a member of the French Resistance smuggled Jewish children into Switzerland; United States Congressman and civil rights leader John Lewis; and Paul Rusesabagina, a hotel manager who sheltered more than a thousand people from certain death during Rwanda's civil strife.

The Wallenberg Committee deeply believes that young people must be told the story of Raoul Wallenberg. When Wallenberg's sister, Nina Lagergren, came from Sweden in the fall of 2001 to accept the Wallenberg Medal on behalf of her brother, she emphasized in her lecture the importance of reaching out to young people. It is, after all, the best way to begin to change the world. The Wallenberg Committee believes that the example of Raoul Wallenberg can turn young people from helpless cynicism to resolute hopefulness and to awaken them to the belief that one person can make a difference.

The 2009 recipient is Lydia Cacho, journalist, author, feminist and human rights activist. She has spoken out against the abuse of women in Mexico, using the unsolved murders in Ciudad Juárez as a call to action against the failure to bring justice to perpetrators of violence against women. Cacho founded Ciam Cancún, a shelter for battered women and children, providing refuge for countless individuals.

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men's organizations

BROTHERHOOD, TEMPLE BETH EMETH

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Temple Beth Emeth Brotherhood is an organization dedicated to nurturing men's involvement in Temple life. Its goal is to assist members to become better Jews and better men through increased participation in Temple and Brotherhood activities. Active involvement in the congregation and the community brings members together spiritually and socially. Brotherhood is dedicated to providing programming that is meaningful and relevant to its members.

TBE Brotherhood is one of 250 local affiliates of the MRJ-Men of Reform Judaism (Formerly North American Federation of Temple Brotherhoods) with 25,000 members across North America dedicated to the ideals of Reform Judaism and a role for men in congregational life. In addition, the group looks for opportunities to participate in national programming and events.

An up to date calendar can be found on the group's webpage, as well as photo's of past events.

MEN'S CLUB, BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

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Members of the Beth Israel Congregation Men's Club implement several important projects over the course of the congregation year. They maintain the congregation website, organize the ushers over the High Holidays, construct the Synagogue Sukkah each year and they host, in concert with Men's Clubs around the world, the Annual World Wide Wrap and Polar Bear Photo, which teaches and encourages the laying of Tefillin by both men and women. In addition they organize and sponsor the annual Gershowitz Memorial Shabbat, which encourages men and women to learn to lead new parts of the service. They also organize the distribution of Yom HaShoah memorial candles to the congregation.

women's organizations

HADASSAH

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Hadassah is both the largest women's organization and the largest Jewish membership organization in the United States. Hadassah of Ann Arbor, an organization of over 450

members, has a rich history of activism. It is an organization for women of all ages, providing social outlets and educational opportunities that raise awareness and empower women. The chapter's programs address health, cultural, political and spiritual issues that matter.

Ann Arbor Hadassah has implemented several national programs, such as Violence Against Women; Healthy Women, Healthy Lives; It's in the Genes and The Promise of Stem Cells.

Local Hadassah activities include educational meetings and several interest groups including: Maj Jong, Bridge, Book Club and Nurses' Forum. The national "Check It Out" program teaches local Ann Arbor high school students about taking responsibility for their own health and seeking the health information they require.

The chapter hosts various fundraising efforts, such as a rummage re-sale, theatre parties, shopping days and a donor campaign. Programs that are benefited by the fundraisers include the Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem, the Career Counseling Insititute, the Hadassah College of Technology, Youth Aliyah, the Jewish National Fund and Young Judaea. Hadassah is proud that 94 percent of its fundraising dollars goes directly to such worthwhile projects locally, nationally, in Israel and throughout the world. Life membership is $360; annual dues are $36.

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Jewish Women's Circle holds meetings approximately six times a year and is open to all women in the local Jewish community. The purpose is friendship and conversation. Each meeting has a theme. The first gathering of the year will be held on Monday, September 14 — "Beyond the Braid," mixing, kneading, braiding. Participants will learn why challah is more than just bread. Everyone will take home a small loaf and a lot of knowledge. Women are asked to bring challah recipes to share. Registration is required to reserve a spot and learn where the meeting is to be held (space is limited).

MIKVAH ISRAEL

Chabad House, 715 Hill Street 48104
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Esther Goldstein

The community Mikvah (ritual bath), located at Chabad House is available for use by the Jewish community. This Mikvah facility employs a filtering pool heating system and is the only such facility between Detroit and Chicago.

Mikvah Israel supports and maintains the Mikvah. A nominal donation or membership is asked of users. The women of Mikvah Israel act as shomerot (assistants) for those women desiring to use the Mikvah.

Mikvah Israel also provides educational material for brides and grooms and anyone interested in learning more about the Jewish marriage and Mikvah. Speakers are available upon request for your organization..

WOMEN'S LEAGUE, BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

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Beth Israel Women's League consists of 140 members who support the Beth Israel Congregation, its religious school and the Jewish Theological Seminary. Through volunteer programs and projects geared toward education, social action, spirituality and religious observance, Women's League members have opportunities to expand their knowledge of and their commitment to a vibrant and vital Jewish community.

Women's League presents gifts to all Beth Israel bar/bat mitzvah students. Other Women's League activities include coordinating a program for minyan participation and support of an adult bar/bat mitzvah class. The Women's League Gift Shop is open on Sunday mornings during regular religious school hours from 9:30 a.m.-noon, or by appointment. (Call Doris Miller at 662-5926.) The gift shop carries a wide selection of Judaic art useful Judaic items. Miller will also search for hard to find items or assist in ordering items found on the internet. The gift shop is open to everyone in the Ann Arbor community.

The Beth Israel Chapter of Women's League for Conservative Judaism (WLCJ), an international network of Conservative Sisterhoods, was established in November 1948.

TEMPLE BETH EMETH SISTERHOOD (WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM)

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TBE Sisterhood is also the Ann Arbor chapter of Women of Reform Judaism. In addition to wonderful social occasions, the group organizes a variety of activities and programs that support congregational, local and international WRJ initiatives. Active volunteers make for a friendly and welcoming way for women to engage in TBE community life. Non-TBE members are also welcome to join.

Sweet Beginnings is an award-winning "review party" on the first day of Hebrew School in the fall. Each bar and bat mitzvah receives a kiddush cup from Sisterhood, and college students receive gift packages at Chanukah and Purim. First-time Jewish campers receive scholarship support. Sisterhood contributes to the TBE Youth Advisor's salary, to AARTY convention travel, and additional funds to the TBE religious school.

The entire Jewish Community is welcome to shop at the Sisterhood-run TBE Gift Shop which carries a wide variety of Judaica in a broad price range. The shop is open Mondays and Wednesdays during Hebrew School, Fridays before services, and Sundays, 5:30 p.m.–7 p.m. It is also open by appointment. Contact Amy Paberzs (668-6842; amypab@hotmail.com).

Local non-profits receive donations or support through Sisterhood. Our members also cook and staff the Ronald McDonald House during Christian holidays.

Through the WRJ affiliation, Sisterhood contributes to the Hebrew Union Collage (rabbinic and cantorial scholarships), the Jewish Braille Institute, the World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ), and several Reform nursery schools in Israel. Sisterhood board members benefit from WRJ leadership training and resource sharing at district and national meetings.

In addition to these programs, the group has informal monthly dinners or lunches, afternoon and evening Mahj groups, biweekly Women's Torah Study, a Book/Movie Club, periodic lectures, workshops and trips and activities. This year's welcoming brunch will be held September 13.

ORT AMERICA, ANN ARBOR CHAPTER

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The Ann Arbor Chapter of ORT America is one of 400 ORT chapters in the United States which support World ORT's schools and high tech training programs. Annually, over 300,000 students in 62 countries are trained and empowered by ORT's cutting-edge curriculum and strategic education initiatives. Closer to home, the Hermelin ORT Resource Center at the Jewish Community Center of West Bloomfield offers a wide range of classes and programs, including the very successful Better Jobs Opportunity Program which is providing job skills training to the unemployed and under-employed in southeastern Michigan.

The Ann Arbor Chapter raises money each year to support World ORT with their goals. The chapter also holds programs, social events and fundraising events throughout the year and sponsors a monthly Book Group and Cinema Club. Beautiful greeting cards and tributes, for all occasions and holidays, are available from the chapter. Annual dues start at $36. Lifetime memberships are also available.

On Wednesday, October 7, ORT's Fall opening event, "Sangria under the Sukkah," will be held at Judy Cohen's home from 7–9 p.m. Members and prospective members are encouraged to attend, enjoy delicious food and sangria, and learn more about ORT from speaker, Patti Aaron, who has been actively involved in ORT America on the National level.

ROSH CHODESH GROUP

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The group meets monthly to celebrate each new Hebrew month. Meetings feature refreshments, entertainment, learning and open discussions on contemporary topics. In the past, programs have included a musical concert, Jewish crafts workshop, blintz-making and lectures. Gatherings are informal and are open to all women. Call for information on upcoming events.

YAD SHOSHANA

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Yad Shoshana was organized in 1990 in memory of Shoshana Sternberg, a local woman who touched the hearts of many. The group gives assistance to Jews in need in Washtenaw County. Activities include visiting the sick and elderly, preparing meals and helping new immigrants assimilate.

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Hillel at Eastern Michigan University (Hillel at EMU) is a pluralistic Jewish organization serving the estimated 1,000 Jewish students at EMU. It is the only Jewish organization in Ypsilanti, and often the only Jewish connection for EMU students during their college years. Hillel at EMU began over ten years ago in a small campus office. Hillel at EMU now operates out of a beautifully renovated house on Washtenaw Avenue across from the EMU campus.

Hillel at EMU programs and events have more than doubled in number in the last several years, and Hillel at EMU regularly partners with EMU to bring major speakers and events to campus. Hillel at EMU also provides traditional Shabbat Dinners twice per month, which are extremely popular, as well as holiday observances and opportunities for more traditional Jewish exploration. In addition to serving EMU's growing Jewish population, Hillel at EMU works to educate the broader campus community and advocate for EMU's Jewish students. Over 85 percent of EMU graduates remain in Michigan. Hillel at EMU is dedicated to empowering and engaging Jewish students, strengthening their connection to Judaism, and guiding them to become future Jewish community leaders. In addition, EMU graduates more teachers than any other school in Michigan, and is one of the top education schools in the country. Therefore, Hillel at EMU places an emphasis on ensuring that they have experience with, and an understanding of, Judaism.

GROUPS AND INITIATIVES

Alternative Spring Break (ASB). Instead of going on vacation during spring break, participants in Hillel at EMU's "ASB" program travel to cities around the country to volunteer. Students have gone to the Gulf Coast twice in the last two years, repairing homes that have been damaged in Hurricanes. Hillel at EMU has been partnering with Jewish Funds for Justice on these trips.

Taglit-birthright Israel. Hillel at EMU offers a free 10-day trip to Israel through Taglit-birthright israel to Jews age 18-26 who have never been to Israel on an organized peer trip. This trip is offered annually and is truly a life-changing experience.

First-Year Students of Hillel (FYSH). This program is led by a student intern who facilitate first-year students' transition to college life. Students new to EMU will have opportunities to learn about college life, connect both with other new students and learn about the resources and support that Hillel at EMU can offer them.

Gaygle, EMU's Jewish Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Allies student group, provides an accepting atmosphere where LGBT students from any Jewish background are included in and comfortable with Jewish programming and events on EMU's campus.

The Jewish Education Students Group promotes cross-cultural understanding in EMU's School of Education. It provides Jewish students with opportunities to network with one another and to explore professional possibilities as Jewish educators. Jewish Ed students provide important opportunities for non-Jewish education students to gain a greater understanding of Judaism as it relates to their future students.

Shabbat Students. Hillel at EMU provides Kabbalat Shabbat Services and Shabbat dinner an average of twice per month. The Shabbat Students create meaningful and engaging Shabbat programs, including themed Shabbat dinners, discussions with local rabbis, and the annual "Family Shabbat."

HILLEL FOUNDATION, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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Hillel is the second largest student programming organization at the University of Michigan and serves as an umbrella organization for over 50 independent student groups. These groups represent a diverse spectrum of approaches to Jewish life that combines the religious (traditional and alternative), cultural, intellectual, political and social. At U-M Hillel students work hard and play hard. Groups are peer-led and students gain invaluable leadership skills from their experiences. Hillel is one of the best places to hang out on the U-M campus whether to catch a movie, enjoy a gourmet kosher meal (lunch and dinner served daily) or to use as a study base (the Hillel building has wireless internet access). There is also a wide array of information about jobs, scholarships, study abroad, visiting Israel, programs happening on campus and volunteer opportunities in the community. Short-term personal counseling is also available for students.

ISRAEL GROUPS AND PROGRAMS

AMI, the American Movement for Israel, is the U-M's mainstream Israel organization. Through educational programs and political activism, AMI promotes support and understanding of Israel and its people.

Union of Progressive Zionists promotes progressive social and political issues and peace initiatives. The group also co-sponsors dialogue and discussion with other student groups on campus.

U-M Hillel's **birthright israel** trip provides an opportunity for an exhilarating free 10-day visit to Israel for students 18–26.

JEWISH EDUCATION

Hillel's **ZiG:** New Perspectives on JewishLearning offers both traditional and non-traditional opportunities to connect to Jewish tradition with courses in Torah study, basic Judaism, Talmud, and Hebrew, as well as yoga, Jewish cooking, and more. The classes are designed to meet the needs of full-time students and working people who have limited time but want the opportunity for continued Jewish learning.

Shulchan Ivrit provides a weekly opportunity for students of all levels of proficiency to speak Hebrew together.

Jewish Take Out Menu offers Jewish learning brought straight to the student's door. Students gather a group of friends and pick from our menu of Jewish classes taught by our Hillel staff and student leaders.

RELIGIOUS LIFE

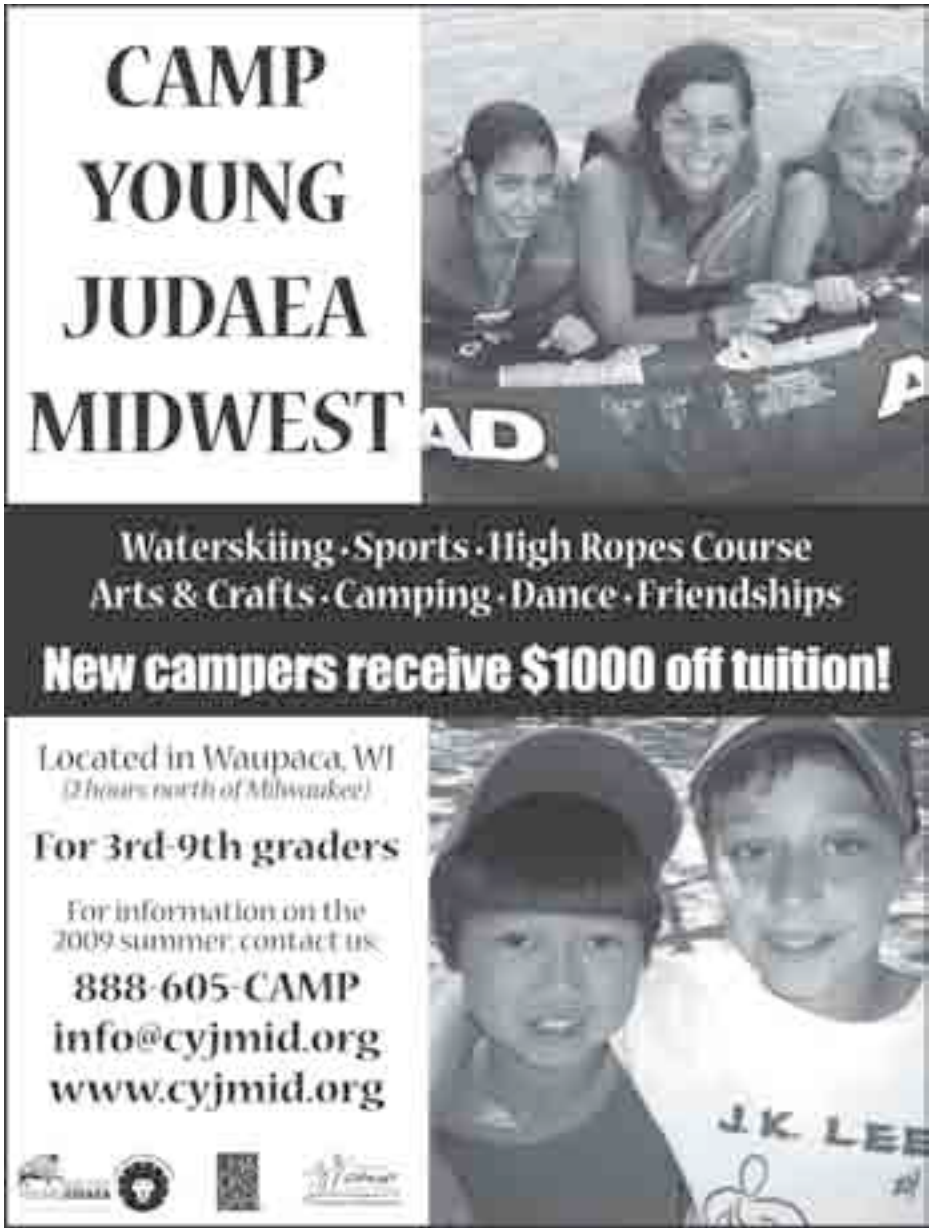
Hillel offers a variety of religious services and groups including the Reform Havurah, a creative, musically-oriented Friday night service; Dor Chadash: Conservative Minyan, with vibrant egalitarian services, the Orthodox Minyan, which draws its membership from the community as well as from university faculty and students, and Shalvah, an independent and spirited Torah Egalitarian service with Shlomo Carlebach melodies. The Orthodox Minyan holds daily services in addition to Shabbat and holiday services.

OTHER PROGRAMS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Kol HaKavod is U-M Hillel's a cappella singing group. The ensemble performs a varied repertoire of close harmonies in English, Hebrew and Ladino, with music taken from Jewish liturgical and historical sources, Israeli folk songs and translated popular tunes.

Hillel's **Major Events Committee** brings to campus speakers and personalities who challenge the way students think about the issues of the day such as Dr. Ruth, Kurt Vonnegut, Oliver Stone and Jack Kevorkian. Revenues from this annual major event go to a charitable cause.

SHOUT, Students Honoring Outstanding University Teaching, conducts a campus-wide nomination process in order to select the year's recipient of the Golden Apple Award. The winning U-M teacher, in addition to receiving a Golden Apple trophy and a cash prize, delivers his or her ideal "last lecture." The Golden Apple Award is sponsored by Hillel and Apple Computer Inc. and is co-sponsored by more twenty U-M academic units and student groups.



Consider Magazine is a publication presenting different viewpoints on a variety of issues, both local and international. It is available in racks at Hillel and in most major university buildings.

Volunteers in Action is a social action group that works in soup kitchens and on projects for the homeless, children and the elderly. It often collaborates with other community groups.

J-GAME: The Jewish Graduate student program consists of several organizations that serve Jewish graduate students. These organizations are based both on professional schools and interests: JAGS (Jewish Association of Graduate Students), JLSA (Jewish Law Student Association), RJSA (Ross Jewish Students Association), OJSW (Organization of Jewish Social Workers), JeMSA (Jewish Medical Students Association), J-GAME Israel, J-GAME Social Events, J-GAME Jewish Learning, J-GAME Sports, and J-GAME Friday Night Dinners. Students can choose to be on as many or as few of these lists as possible. These groups meet frequently, offering a setting for older students to meet their peers.

AAJR – African American Jewish Relations – builds positive connections between the Black and Jewish communities on campus by exploring the historical and cultural roots of our peoples.

Ahava, the Jewish Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender and Friends Collective, offers a relaxed atmosphere for gay people of diverse Jewish backgrounds. It meets regularly for Shabbat potluck dinners, speakers, holidays and other occasions.

The Conference on the Holocaust (COTH) is a year-long series of events planned by students designed to present a cross-section of scholarly, personal, historical and

theological perspectives on the Holocaust. COTH organizes an annual trip for university students to tour the Holocaust Museum in Suburban Detroit and a Survivors' Luncheon, which hosts over 40 survivors and 300 students.

Jewish Greek Council brings together Jewish students who are members of sororities and fraternities. The Forum sponsors social action projects and hosts parties.

The Intramural Sports Program fields a broad range of teams that compete in the U-M's intramural sports program. These teams compete in soccer, football, volleyball, softball, floor hockey, and ice hockey in which Hillel has won the campus championship twice in the past three years.

Sarah's Kitchen, also called "Hillel's Café," serves gourmet lunches and dinners Sunday-Friday during the academic year. U-M students on board contract in a residence hall can use their "Blue Bucks" to pay for meals, and anyone can eat at Hillel on a walk-in basis. Friday night Shabbat dinners are available to U-M students at no charge.

The Jewish Penicillin Hotline (iwantsoup@umich.edu) delivers kosher chicken soup with matzoh balls to any U-M student who is feeling ill or stressed.

The Jewish Women's Forum explores women's roles in Judaism, offering study groups, speakers, Rosh Hodesh celebrations and a women's seder.

Jewish Perspectives on Globalization is a group that helps provide Jewish students with hands-on experience in tikkum olam (repair of the world). Past JPOG groups have been involved in service projects in Uruguay, Argentina, and the Ukraine and Nicaragua, as well as Hurricane Katrina relief work in the Gulf Coast.

HADASSAH legacy

Hadassah's great family of women share these important values. This is our legacy—making a positive change in the world through the actions we take, the choices we make, the values we share.

MAKE HADASSAH YOUR CHOICE FOR TODAY, YOUR LEGACY FOR TOMORROW. LINK YOUR NAME TO OURS.

For information on Hadassah's projects and initiatives, contact Barb Bergman, president, at (734) 668-6821

Hayerukim (Hebrew for "The Greens") provides a forum for students to engage in environmental activism from a Jewish perspective and the opportunity to help create a more sustainable Hillel, university and world.

Shmooze is a Jewish cultural organization whose goal is to spread Jewish culture throughout Hillel and the university community through cultural events like the Kugel Cook-off and M-Shvitz that meets weekly to shmooze in the men's sauna

Michigan Mensch provides mentorship and guidance for incoming Wolverines. Freshmen are paired with upperclassmen Mensches and get together once a month to chat over coffee on Hillel.

Hillel's ARTs group (HARTS) creates community and programming for students with an interest in the arts. Students come together to learn new skills and techniques and share their artistic work building up to a student exhibit.

Krav Maga – students come to Hillel for a taste of Israeli culture by learning effective Israeli self-defense techniques from a professional Krav Maga instructor.

JEngA is Hillel's Jewish Engineering Students Association, planning social and cultural events for Jewish engineers.

JEWSIC – Hillel's music program provides a forum for musical students to come together to jam and share music in monthly sessions. All levels are welcome. U-M Hillel also has a jazz and klezmer band that plays on campus and in the community.

Improfessionals is Hillel's own comedy improv group that performs all over campus and has a great fan base. Practice is weekly and tryouts happen twice a year.

FYSH – First Year Students of Hillel – and the residence student outreach committee organize social programming targeted at freshmen to help students meet and develop new friends in Hillel. These groups help foster community in residences on both North and Central Campuses.

Hillel is home to **Will Work for Food** (WWFF), an independent student group that encourages students to partake in a community effort and get sponsored by their family and friends with a donation to WWFF. All money raised through these sponsored work efforts will go directly to alleviate child malnutrition in Darfur through Doctors Without Borders. For more information, visit www.willworkforfood.org.

Hillel also supports **Good Sports,** a new community service project designed to help fund Detroit inner city youth sports programs for underprivileged youth by raising money through Michigan students' participation in Intramural and other sports activities.

U-M Hillel is also a partner to and/or supporter of **Dance Marathon, Children of Abraham, K-Grams and Relay for Life,** encouraging student involvement in these volunteer and fundraising initiatives.

U-M CHABAD HOUSE STUDENT CENTER

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Rabbi Alter and Chanchi Goldstein, directors

Chabad House is a home-away-from home for the thousands of Jewish students at the University of Michigan. Chabad serves the needs of students on a social, educational and spiritual level. At Chabad, all students are welcome, regardless of background, affiliation, and level of observance.

Tradition: At Chabad, students have the ability to discover the warmth and beauty of their heritage, and learn to apply the timeless Jewish principle of *Ahavat Israel* (love of one's fellow Jew)—at their own pace.

Community: The directors believe that family and community are vital keys to character building, and so open their home to students, helping inspire them with a respect for family values and a deep meaningful concern for the land of Israel.

Future: Chabad believes that Jewish education and meaningful experiences are the grass-roots method to fighting the problems of indifference, apathy and assimilation that face our community today. Chabad's programming is geared towards the belief that for there to be a Jewish tomorrow, students need to have a Jewish today

U-M CENTER FOR MIDDLE EASTERN AND NORTH AFRICAN STUDIES

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The Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies undergraduate and master's degree programs offer an interdisciplinary understanding of the modern area. They are intended to provide broad area and language training for students with either academic or professional interests. For those who have received training in fields such as journalism, business administration, law, library science, social work, public health and teaching, the program provides an opportunity to gain a strong background in the cultures and languages of the modern Middle East. Public lectures, film series, conferences, symposia and

teacher workshops are offered regularly. Call or email to receive a weekly email message, announcing Middle Eastern events being held on campus. Visit the website for information on Middle East-related fellowships, conferences, jobs and more.

U-M DIVISION OF HEBREW & JEWISH CULTURAL STUDIES

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Hebrew and Jewish Cultural Studies is a division of the department of Near Eastern Studies at the University of Michigan that offers classes and lectures. Undergraduate and graduate courses are offered in literature, culture and language, from ancient to modern. Examples of courses include Hebrew (all levels), Israeli Culture and Society, Perspectives on the Holocaust, Jewish Mysticism, Ancient Jewish History, Rabbinic Literature and Contemporary Israeli Literature. Hebrew classes are taught by native speakers.

In addition, faculty and visitors give talks during the academic year to which the community is invited. Contact the department to get on the lecture mailing list.

U-M JUDAICA COLLECTION

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Curator of Judaica

The Judaic holdings of the U-M Graduate Library are part of the Near East Division of Area Programs. The collection includes some 50,000 titles in Hebrew and Yiddish. Western-language Judaica holdings number approximately 40,000. Annually, the library adds approximately 1,000 Hebrew and Yiddish titles to the collection and 1,500 titles relevant to Jewish studies in western languages. The Judaica/Hebraica unit of the Division serves faculty and graduate students, as well as members of the local community in reference assisitance. The staff also selects and acquires materials in all languages in Jewish studies for the library.

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Deborah Dash Moore, director

Since 1970 Jewish Studies at the University of Michigan has thrived as an interdisciplinary endeavor drawing on the rich resources of a diverse faculty, educating undergraduate and graduate students, and engaging the community. The Frankel Center for Judaic Studies has become an international leader with faculty integrated in top-tier departments throughout the University of Michigan's Ann Arbor campus. The Center offers students opportunities for in depth study of modern Jewish literatures and cultures, Hebrew and Yiddish languages, Rabbinics, law, politics, and Jewish history from the ancient to modern eras. Students benefit from the academic excellence of faculty with strengths extending from the study of ancient Jewish law to the role of Yiddish in the modern world.

The inauguration of the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies in 2007 has made the University of Michigan a premiere site for Jewish studies in the United States. The Institute brings fourteen of the world's leading scholars from a variety of disciplines to Ann Arbor for an academic year. While at Michigan, these Institute Fellows share their research with the local community through public presentations and lectures.

The Frankel Center also sponsors numerous lectures, conferences, exhibits and other events throughout the academic year, including two high-profile annual programs: the Louis and Helen Padnos Lecture in Judaic Studies and the David W. Belin Lecture in American Jewish Affairs. All events are typically free and open to the general public.

education

BETH ISRAEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

See Congregations, Beth Israel Congregation

HEBREW DAY SCHOOL

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Dina Shtull, head of school
Pamela Ramseyer, board president

The Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor is a private elementary school that follows state and national standards. The school scores in the 97th percentile and above on standardized tests. HDS offers instruction in computers, visual arts, physical education that stresses teamwork, public speaking and performance, and music that includes instrumental training in the upper grades. It also offers a half-day immersion second language program for both modern and Biblical Hebrew.

The school serves children from the entire spectrum of Jewish expression. A rich Jewish and American heritage is experienced through plays, musical productions, and joyous holiday celebrations. Monthly themes relate to ethical behavior, civic responsibility, and tolerance, and are supported by community service projects. Teachers differentiate instruction to meet the needs of each student. The faculty is enhanced with learning and behavioral specialists. The school atmosphere is warm, caring, and family oriented.

JEWISH CULTURAL SCHOOL

See Congregations, Jewish Cultural Society

JLI - JEWISH LEARNING INSTITUTE

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Rabbi Aharon and Esther Goldstein

Presented in synchrony in 350 cities nationwide and around the world, Jewish Learning Institute classes are presented locally by specially trained educators, including Ann Arbor Chabad House Rabbi Aharon Goldstein. Since its inception in 1998, JLI programs have been attended by nearly 40,000 people, and hundreds of thousands of others join in electronically through JLI on-line message boards and Internet based channels. Over 80 people in Ann Arbor have participated in the five JLI classes offered since 2006. An additional three classes will be held in the next 12 months, with two sessions each per week. This increase is in response to the high demand and participant growth that JLI experienced in 2007–2008.

KESHET ANN ARBOR

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Keshet is an academic program for high school student, offering the opportunity to take Hebrew classes to fulfill the Foreign Language requirement, and receive high school credit as if it was any other high school class at their school. At Keshet, students meet twice a week for a total of four hours and study Modern Hebrew with professional language instructors, some of which are also U-M lecturers. Classes are small, allowing teachers to focus on their students' progress and lessons are dynamic and communicative.

As with other academic high school courses, students are expected to complete homework, take quizzes, exams, and occasionally prepare class presentations. Attendance and participation are key. Class material is level appropriate and naturally contains cultural components such as Israeli movies, songs, newspapers and more, to make the language learning experience wholesome and well rounded. Keshet offers four levels of Hebrew, from beginners to advanced, and students come from all walks of the Ann Arbor community.

Not all Keshet students take it for credit; some are there for their love of the language and their sincere interest in learning how to communicate in Hebrew. These driven teens are an integral part of classes; they attend regularly, take the exams and participate in other Keshet activities. Keshet is proud to have such motivated students and to be a part of their busy schedules.

Keshet is recognized by the Ann Arbor Public School Community Resource (CR) department, a unique system that lets high school students take a class not offered in their school, and get credit for it. Keshet fulfills CR requirements and maintains close contact with the CR monitor throughout the year.

All classes meet on Monday nights (6:30-8:30 pm), while the other meeting day is determined in September by each teacher and their students. Monday nights are pizza night, and students are invited to come earlier (6 p.m.) and enjoy social time with their peers. Keshet follows the Ann Arbor Public Schools calendar as well as the Jewish calendar, and commemorates major Israeli events such as Yitzhak Rabin's Memorial Day, Israel's Independence Day, and more.

Classrooms for Keshet are provided by both Beth Israel Congregation and Temple Beth Emeth; Keshet thankfully acknowledges the educational cooperation and support of these two synagogues and their educational directors. Keshet is funded by a grant from the Jewish Federation, and supported by donations from parents, as well as by gifts from generous members in the community who care about quality Hebrew instruction. Co-sponsors include Beth Israel Religious School, Temple Beth Emeth Religious School, the Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan, the Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Havurah, and the Jewish Cultural Society.

For more information go to www.jewishannarbor.org and click on "Keshet Ann Arbor", or contact Milka Eliav at milka@umich.edu.

RECONSTRUCTIONIST HAVURAH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

See Congregations, Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Havurah

TEMPLE BETH EMETH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

See Congregations, Temple Beth Emeth

T.E.A.C.H. (TORAH EDUCATION AT CHABAD HOUSE)

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Rabbi Aharon and Esther Goldstein

Classes offered at Chabad House cover the spectrum from basic Hebrew reading and Talmud study groups to Chassidic and Jewish mysticism. All classes are

open to all Jews, regardless of their affiliation or background. An extensive library is available with classic and modern references to complement what is taught. The current class list includes: basic Hebrew reading (individual or small group instruction), prayers and their meanings, the Jewish way of prayer and the organization of the siddur (prayer book), Talmud, Chumash (the Five Books of Moses), Rashi (the 12th-century Torah commentator), Chassidic Jewish mysticism and its application to daily Jewish life in the 20th century, The Ethics of Our Fathers, The Shulchan Aruch, and Halachah (code of Jewish law).

Chabad House offers pre-bar/bat mitzvah classes for children ages 1013. Students preparing for bar or bat mitzvah receive instruction from Rabbi Zalman or Shternie Zweibel. Private tutorial classes are also offered to adults to learn the specifics of Torah.

T.E.P. (TORAH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM)

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Esther Goldstein,director

The program for youth 5-14 years old, explores the world of Jewish values, customs and texts. The children learn Hebrew reading and writing, the core prayers of Jewish tradition, and study Jewish holidays and history. Advanced students also study the Torah commentary of Rashi, one of Judaisms greatest teachers.

The goal of TEP is not only to teach Hebrew as a language, but also to teach whats behind the language and the joy of Judaism. Three levels are offered: beginner, intermediate and advanced. Classes meet on Sundays and Wednesdays.

JUDAIC CLASSICS LIBRARY AND BAR ILAN UNIVERSITY GLOBAL JEWISH DATABASE (RESPONSA PROJECT)

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Chabad House provides access to these two milestones in computerized Judaic reference and text tools on CD-ROM. The Judaic Classics Library answers questions about the Tanach (Five Books of Moses, Prophets and Scriptures), the Babylonian Talmud and Rashis commentaries on both

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2009-2010 Events Calendar

Monday, September 14
12 noon, 202 S. Thayer St. Room 2022
Rivka Blbaum,
Padnos Visiting Professor
Linguistic Approaches to the Approach of the Messiah

Thursday, September 24
7 pm, 202 S. Thayer St., Room 2022
Moshe Halbertal, Hebrew University
On the Threshold of Forgiveness: Law and Narrative in the Babylonian Talmud

Tuesday, October 13
12 noon, 202 S. Thayer St., Room 1022
Katharina von Kellenbach,
St. Mary's College
The Politics of Christian Discourses of Forgiveness: Prison Chaplains Counsel Nazi Perpetrators 1945-1980

Wednesday, October 14
7 pm, 202 S. Thayer St., Room 2022
Keren McGinity, Mandell S. Berman Postdoctoral Fellow
Of Mice and Menschen: An American History of Intermarriage and Fatherhood

Thursday, October 22
7:30 pm, Michigan League,
Henderson Room
Steve Aschheim, Hebrew University
Central European Jewish Cultural Identities

Tuesday, November 3
7 pm, 202 S. Thayer St., Room 2022
Jenna Weissman Joselit,
Princeton University
The View from the Gallery: Why Jewish Museums Matter

Wednesday, November 18
7 pm, 202 S. Thayer St., Room 2022
Ari Weinzweig, Zingerman's
Rye Bread & Anarchism

Tuesday, December 1
12 noon, 202 S. Thayer St., Room 1022
Aharon Oppenheimer, Tel Aviv University
Holy War in Ancient Judaism

Thursday, February 11
4 pm, 202 S. Thayer St., Room 2022
David Sheean, UC Boulder
Bearing Witness: Soviet Jewish Photographers Confront World War II & The Holocaust

Wednesday, February 17
4 pm, 202 S. Thayer St., Room 2022
Eric Goldstein, Emory University
Turning a Page: Immigrant Jews, Reading, and American Identity

Wednesday, March 17
7 pm, 202 S. Thayer St., Room 2022
David Stern,
University of Pennsylvania
Through the Pages of the Past: The Jewish Book in History

For the most up-to-date event information, visit www.lsa.umich.edu/judaic

the Talmud and the Torah. The Global Jewish Database Project includes texts such as the Jerusalem Bible, Maimonides, the Code of Jewish Law and 253 books of Responsa (Rabbinic commentaries and answers to inquiries) covering a period of over 1,000 years.

JEWISH EDUCATORS COUNCIL OF ANN ARBOR

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Noreen DeYoung, chair

The Jewish Educators Council was organized to provide Ann Arbor Jewish educators with opportunities to discuss issues of mutual concern, improve their skills and knowledge in areas of Jewish education and collaborate on programming options for teachers and students. The council consists of the directors of Beth Israel Congregation Religious School, the Hebrew Day School, the JCC Early Childhood Center, the Jewish Cultural School, the Reconstructionist Havurah, Keshet Ann Arbor and Temple Beth Emeth Religious School.

The council sponsors opportunities for teacher training on the local level during the school year and promotes participation in regional and national teacher training conferences, such as those sponsored by the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education (CAJE). It also sponsors guest speakers and events for local students to learn together. The Jewish Educators Council is funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor and participating organizations.

youth activities

BAT MITZVAH CLUB

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Shternie Zwiebel, coordinator

The Bat Mitzvah Club offers young women ages 12-15 an opportunity to get together on a monthly basis. The club includes Torah study, social events, real, live chat sessions and baking traditional Jewish food.

BETH ISRAEL YOUTH PROGRAMS

See Congregations, Beth Israel Congregation

B'NAI B'RITH YOUTH ORGANIZATION/ECHAD CHAPTER

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Eric Adelman, contact

B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) is an independent, non-affiliated Jewish youth organization for teens of all Jewish backgrounds. Its program covers six areas: community service, recreation, social action, Jewish heritage, sisterhood/brotherhood, and creativity. These activities provide the structure through which Washtenaw County Jewish teens meet one another as well as other Jewish teens in Michigan and Windsor, Ontario. The Ann Arbor chapter serves grades 9-12 and recruits eighth graders in March

The chapter has meetings and programs at least once a month. There are often joint programs with chapters from the metro-Detroit area. Chapter activities are complemented by regional and national conclaves and conventions, as well as summer leadership and Judaism camps and a variety of trips to Israel, Bulgaria, and around the USA. Every even year, BBYO sponsors participation in the March of the Living program in Poland and Israel.

BBYO also sponsors www.b-linked.org, an online community that allows Jewish teens to meet other Jewish teens with common interests from anywhere in the world. B-Linked integrates the Princeton Review of Colleges and Universities with the Hillel Foundation database of Jewish life on campus. The Michigan BBYO Chapter Service Center is located in the West Bloomfield Jewish Community Center, (248) 788-0700. For more information, see www.bbyo.org or contact a member of Echad.

CAMP GAN ISRAEL

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website: www.mycampganisrael.com
Shternie Zwiebel, director

Camp Gan Israel is one of the largest and fastest growing networks of Jewish day camps in the world. The Ann Arbor camp was established eleven years ago with the vision of a professionally managed

camp that focuses on the individual needs of each child. Camp Gan Israel runs for seven weeks in the summer.

Camp Gan Israel is dedicated to enriching the lives of Jewish children from diverse backgrounds and affiliations. CGI of Ann Arbor has many custom-tailored activities, both classic and innovative, allowing campers to experience summer the way it should be: exciting, relaxing, eye-opening and forever a source of childhood's best memories.

Counselors are chosen for their personal warmth and ability to understand and care for each child as an individual. Counselors have prior camp experience and are well trained in safety. The camp's mission is to seamlessly create a dream summer of arts, athletics, adventure and friendship, all within a Jewish framework.

Camp Gan Israel is for children ages 3-13 with two separate divisions:

1. The Tiny Tots Program for ages 3 to 4 years. The Tiny Tots are offered special activities each week such as yoga, science, sports, weekly field trips, swimming and lots more. There are many creative activities, including challah-baking, art and woodwork, as well as creative movement and music. There is a very low camper-to-counselor ratio, which enables each child to receive extra and individualized attention.

2. For Ages 5 (going into kindergarten) to 13 years The program includes dance, woodworking, art, tennis, a science program, nature, origami, martial arts, yoga, chess, nature and sports. Campers go swimming three days a week and on field trips two days a week.

There is a camp theme each year on which all activities center, and it is emphasized that every child, irrespective of their level of Jewish observance, becomes a part of the Gan Israel family.

Camp Gan Israel is fully licensed by the State of Michigan. Camp Gan Israel is located at Clonlara School, 1289 Jewett Road.

GAN YELADIM ENRICHMENT

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Esther Goldstein, coordinator

At Gan Yeladim children ages 2-5 years are welcomed. The Gan Yleadim meet on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 1-4 p.m. At Gan Yeladim each child is encouraged to make choices with respect towards him/herself, others and his/her surroundings.

Group leaders seek to nourish each child's heart and mind as their cognitive, social, emotional and physical skills are developed, so that each child will be a well-rounded person capable of solving problems and adapting to new situations. Children are educated in a creative, supportive, and warm Jewish environment, so that each child will learn about life as a Jew.

Gan Yeladim Playgroup seeks to create a stimulating and enriching educational environment for each and every child. Group leaders are devoted to helping children learn socialization skills, building their self-confidence and teaching them the about Jewish values and rituals through songs, stories and arts and crafts. In addition, they seek to ignite a spark in each child to lay claim to his Jewish heritage and commit him or her to a lifetime passion for Jewish learning.

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Habonim Dror is an international youth organization. The local chapter, Ken Pardes, offers activities for all Jewish kids ages 8–18. During the school year Ken Pardes has events at least once a month. This summer, over 50 local kids in grades 4–10 attended Habonim's summer programming at Camp Tavor and in Israel. Midwest's Habonim camp, is located in Three Rivers, Michigan. Camp Tavor offers 2, 3, 4 and 7 week sessions. In the eleventh grade, campers have the opportunity to join their friends in the national movement for a summer in Israel. Twelfth-graders return to camp as counselors-in-training. All counselors are college-aged students with a mix of mature, young adult Israeli staff. There are also regional retreats with Habonim chapters from around the Midwest

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The Jewish community's central educational resource, the Federation's Alliance for Jewish Education, provides an array of services that enhance Jewish knowledge, identity and pride. The Alliance provides a support system for all congregational schools, nursery through grade 12, including teacher training and consultation and innovative curriculum development, and specialized assistance for children with special needs. Children with special needs attend weekly classes sponsored by the Alliance. In addition, Jewish Experiences for Families creates programs that help families strengthen their Jewish identity, including interfaith families, and single Jewish parents. The Alliance offers ongoing and one-time adult educational courses through the Lifelong Learning Classes and the Florence Melton Adult Mini School, and community-wide programming for teens. It is also home to the Teachers' Resource Center.

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Keeping kosher in Ann Arbor

by Marcie Greenfield

If you're keeping a kosher home in Washtenaw County, there are plenty of options. Hiller's and Trader Joe's are your best bet. Both offer a wide variety of kosher products and fresh kosher meat. Whole Foods, People's Food Co-op and Arbor Farms add to the abundance of vegetarian/kosher foods available locally.

Hiller's, a Michigan-owned grocery store with several locations around the Detroit metro area, has the largest selection of kosher goods, with sections in both the international and wine aisles, and the refrigerator and freezer cases. They offer fresh and frozen kosher beef, chicken and turkey. Sometimes you can even find frozen buffalo and duck. They also have the most extensive selection for Passover. Ask at the service desk if you don't see what you want because they may be able to order it.

Trader Joe's has a printed list of kosher products sold there (including a list detailing the kosher symbols on their packages). You can get the list at the store or on their website (traderjoes.com) under products/labels and lists. They usually stock most fresh chicken options (including recent additions of ground chicken and organic boneless breasts), turkey (ground and breast halves) and sometimes ribeye steak. They also carry a kosher cheddar cheese by Tillamook.

There also are plenty of vegetarian options (including cheeses without rennet) at the People's Food Coop, Whole Foods (they also have a list of kosher foods sold there and a small frozen kosher section) and Arbor Farms. Zingerman's Deli sells kosher-certified tuna, vinegars, honey, olive oil, chocolates, salt and several cheeses with vegetarian rennet. Monahans Seafood Market at Kerrytown Market is a great source for fresh fish.

For parties and holidays, Gordon's Food Service on Carpenter Rd. sells a huge box of Cohen's frozen appetizers. You can find kosher wine at many stores, including Hiller's, Whole Foods, Stadium Market (corner of Stadium and Packard) and Morgan and York on Packard. About 40 minutes away is a full-service kosher butcher (Harvard Kosher Meat) and bakery (Bake Station) in West Bloomfield and a kosher grocery store (One Stop Kosher), with a large selection of fresh meat and produce, in Oak Park.

To stay abreast of recent happenings in the kosher world, you can subscribe to Kosher-Gram, published by Va'ad Harabonim (Rabbinical Council) of Detroit. Call (248) 559-5005 to be put on the mailing list. Kashrut alerts also are posted on the Orthodox Union website, ou.org.

Chabad House provides classes and assistance to community members who are interested in kashering their kitchen. Call 995-3276 for details.

The following stores offer a wide variety of kosher foods:

- Arbor Farms, 2103 West Stadium Blvd.
- Hiller's Market, 3615 Washtenaw Ave.
- Monahan's Seafood Market, 407 North 5th Ave. (Kerrytown)
- People's Food Coop, 216 North 4th Ave.
- Trader Joe's, 2398 East Stadium Blvd.
- Whole Foods Market, 3135 Washtenaw Ave.

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